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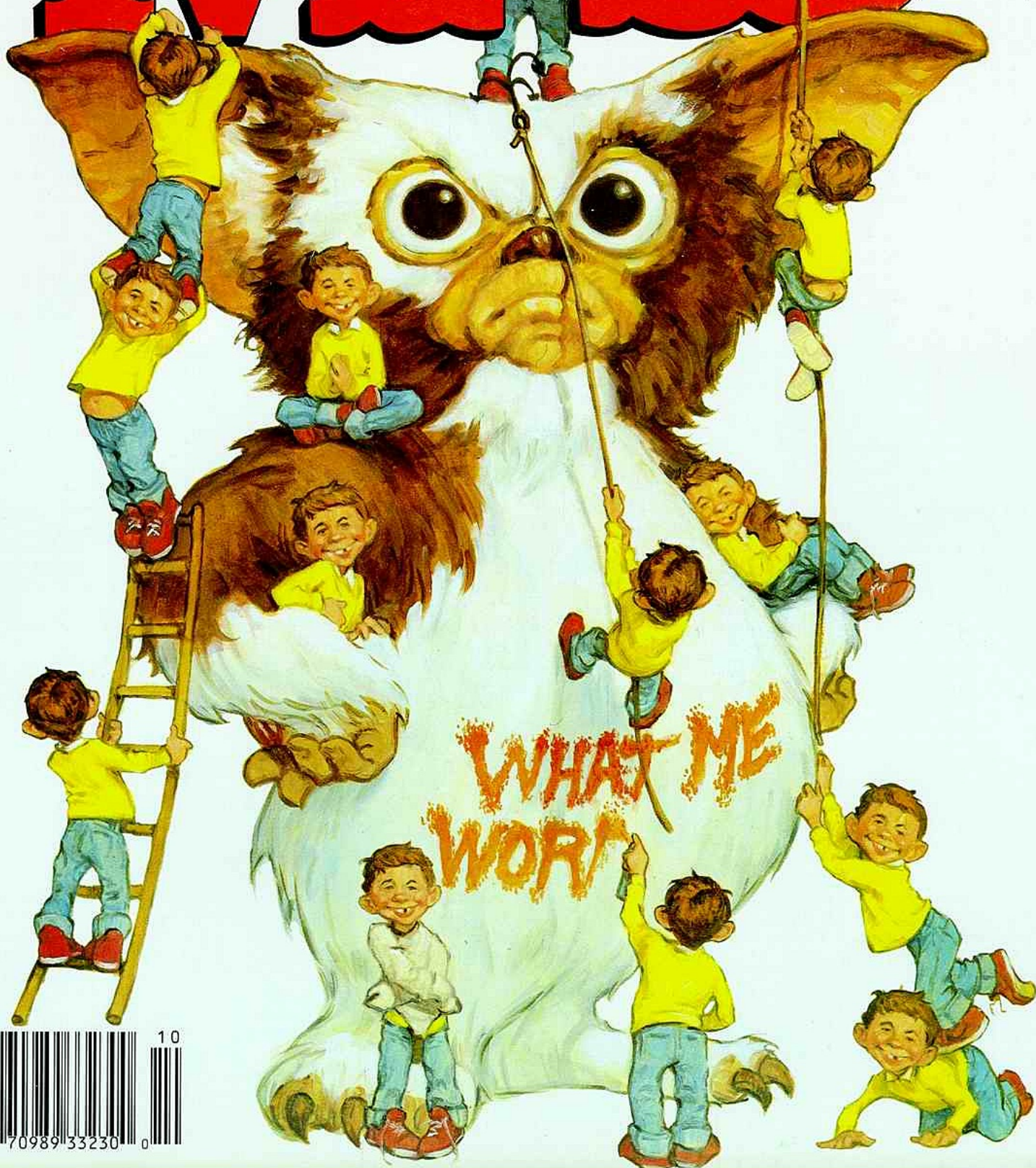
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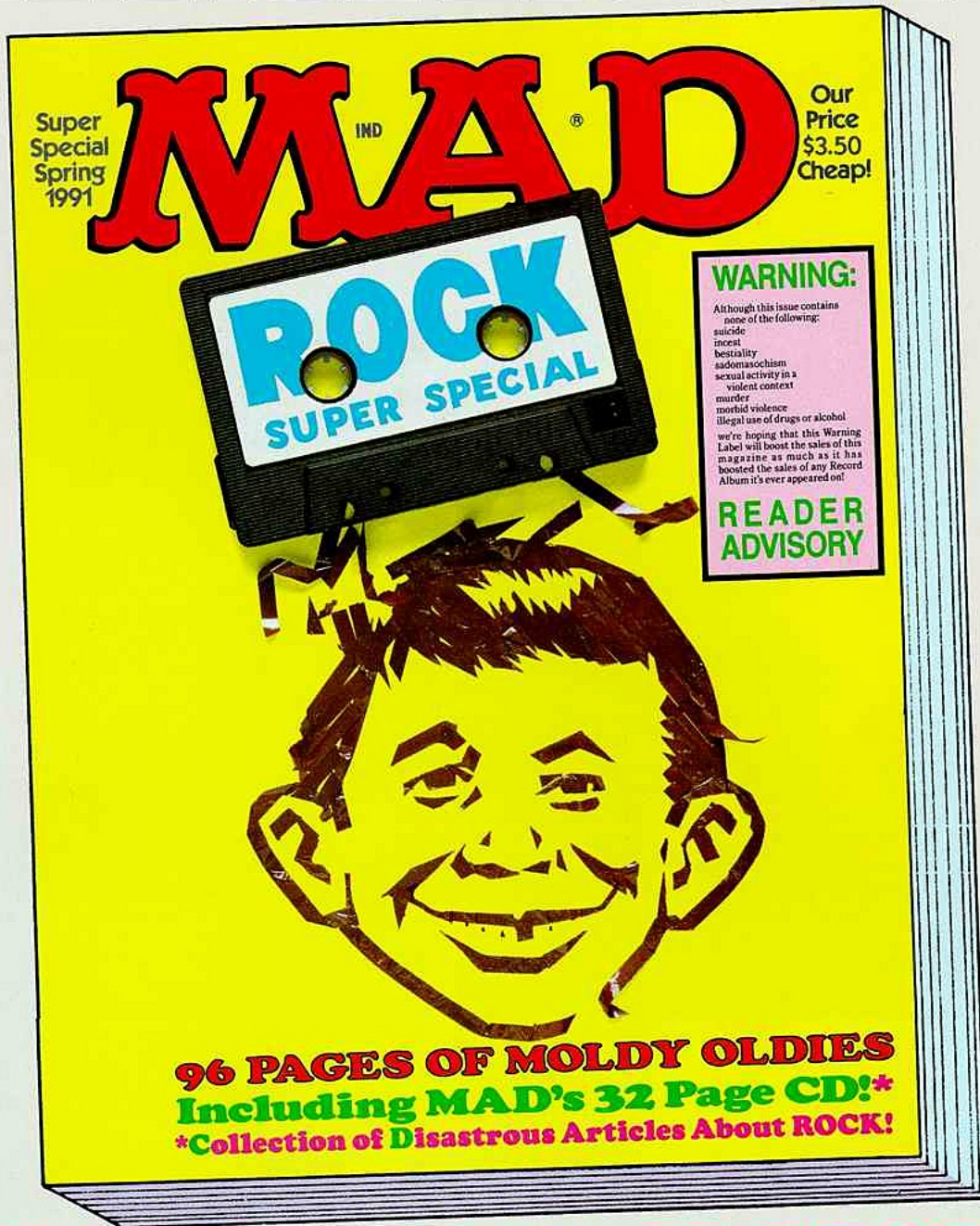
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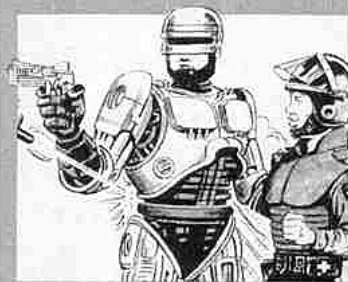
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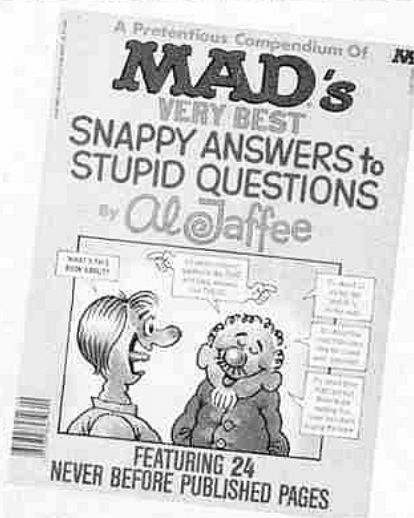


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LETTERS AND TOMATOES DEPT.



NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK: GEEKS OR GODS?

Special note: Due to the overwhelming number of letters we received regarding "The MAD New Kids on the Block True or False Personality Quiz" (which appeared in MAD #296), we are turning this entire letters page into an open forum, a free-wheeling and intelligent (yeah, right!) exchange of ideas, so that we may all learn to live in harmony!

I am a 14-year-old New Kids on the Block fan writing to tell you how angry your article on the New Kids made me. Your so-called "caricatures" were mean, low, degrading, inhuman and obviously written out of pure jealousy. Next Friday, my many friends and I are having a burning of your magazines. If you think that I am not serious, why don't you join us in our joyous occasion: "Burn Fest '90."

Jen La Croix
Milford, MA

Burning books sounds like a classic way to jazz up an otherwise dull and meaningless existence! We bet the New Kids would love to join you, but as everybody knows, they aren't allowed to play with matches!—Ed.



Thank the Lord that somebody told the true facts about the New Kids! Danny reminds me of Herman Munster! I just wanted to say good job! MAD strikes again!

Rachel Coyle
Bisbee, AZ

Thanks, it's always good to hear from intelligent and thoughtful readers!—Ed.

You G____d____ mother f____ing a____holes! New Kids are better than you f____ing sh____ing a____es. I'm 13-years-old and I know New Kids are better than you! So you better watch your G____d____ a____! Don't be jealous because New Kids are f____ing cute! F____ you!

Anonymous

Like we said, it's always good to hear from intelligent and thoughtful readers!—Ed.





THE PEST IS YET TO COME DEPT.

A few years ago some horrible little creatures capable of death, destruction and unspeakable acts burst on the American scene. No, we're not talking about Registered Nurses, we mean Grimlins! And the bad news this summer is they're back! Well, maybe it's not such bad news. If they weren't back, then the next five pages would be blank and not filled with our satire of...

GRIM

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

There are four rules for dealing with Grimlins: Keep them out of sunlight. Don't get them wet. Never feed them after midnight...

What's the fourth rule?

Ignore the first three or else you won't have a movie!

Oh, I think it's really very cute!

Cute?! It looks like a hair ball my cat spit up!

We Grimlins only want what all average Americans have: sophistication, good manners and culture!

The genetic engineers wanted to give him the brain of Albert Einstein and the strength of "The Ultimate Warrior"!

What happened?

A slight error. He got the strength of Einstein and the brain of "The Ultimate Warrior"!



I'm the nation's biggest real estate tycoon, and the biggest wheeler-dealer! I always get what I want! And what I don't want, I dump!

And if you don't believe him, just ask Ivana!

You know why I'm here! Donald Chump wants to buy your property and turn it into a high-rise, high-tech slum!

Oh? I thought you were the casting director for "Karate Kid 4" looking to replace Pat Morita! Sorry, but I wouldn't sell even if you offered me millions of dollars! There's an old Chinese proverb that says, "A man has nothing if he has no true home!"

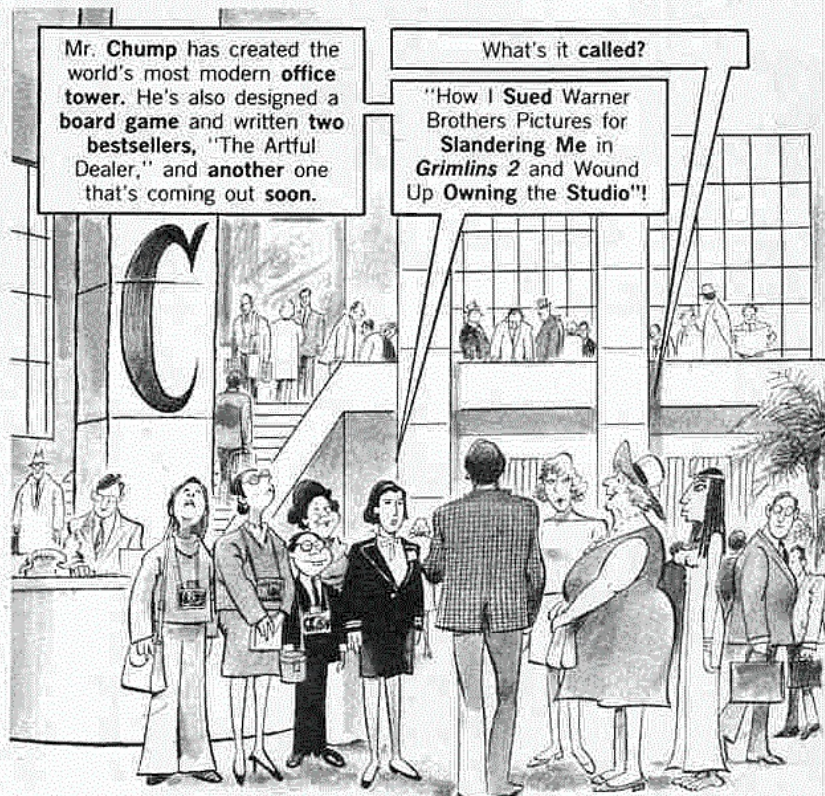
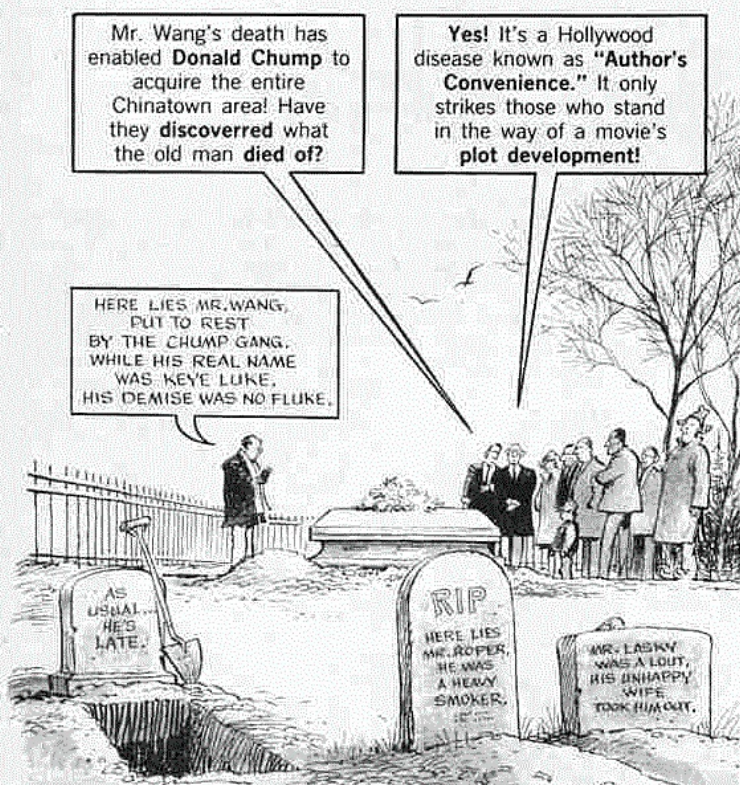
There's an even better Chinese proverb that goes, "There's no schmuck like an old schmuck!"

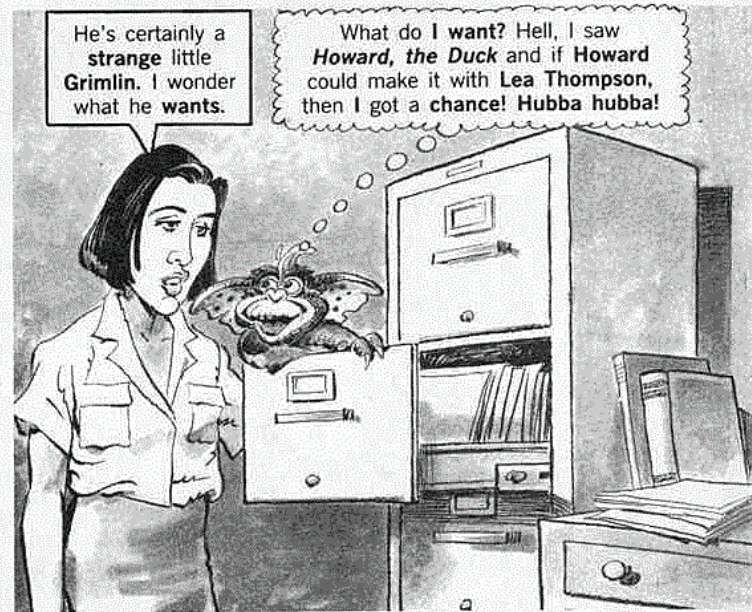
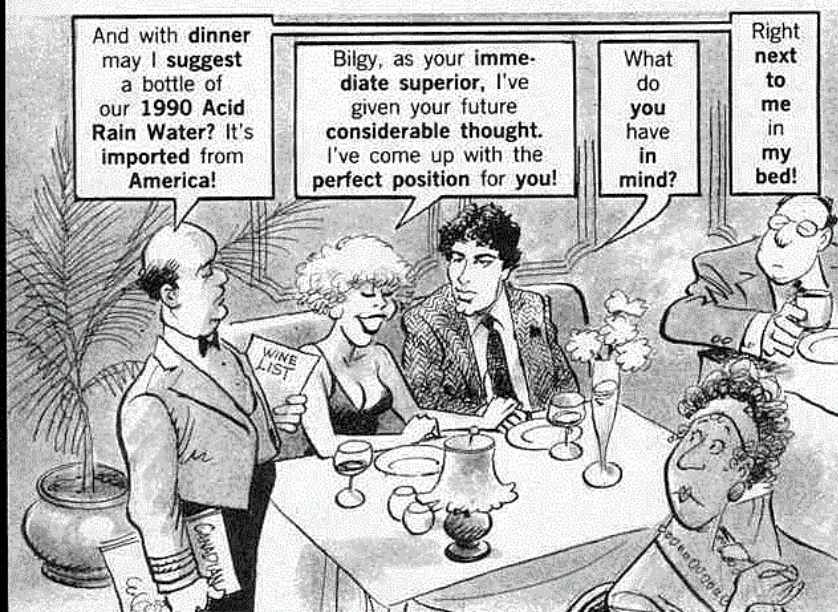
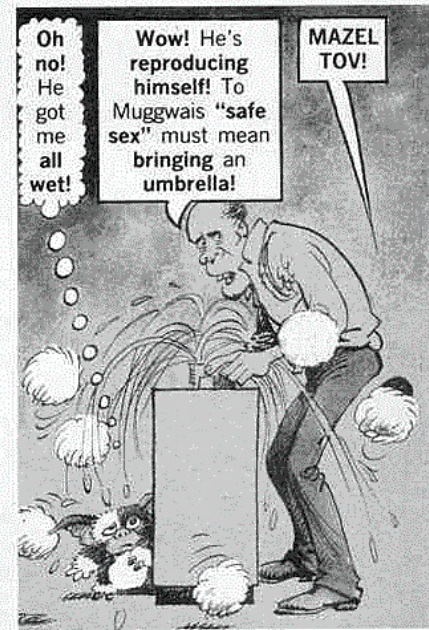
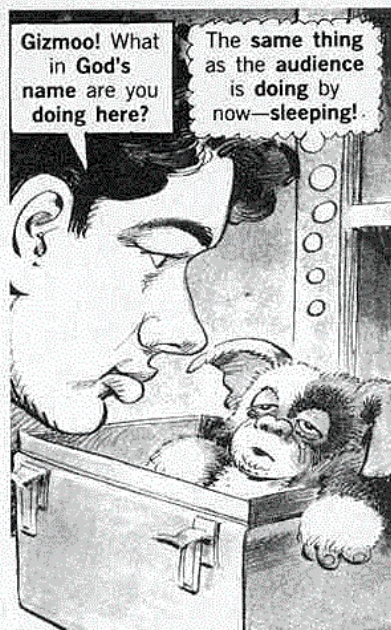
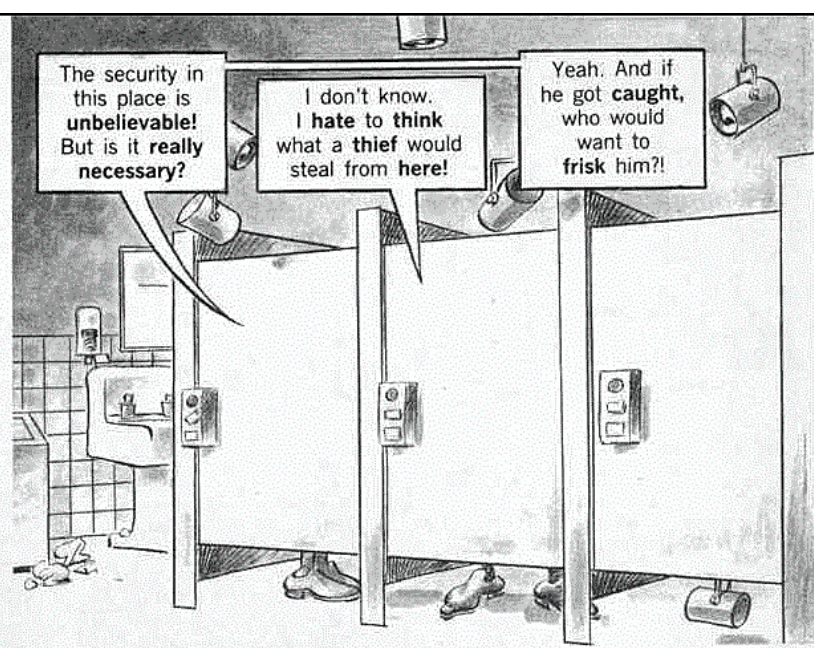
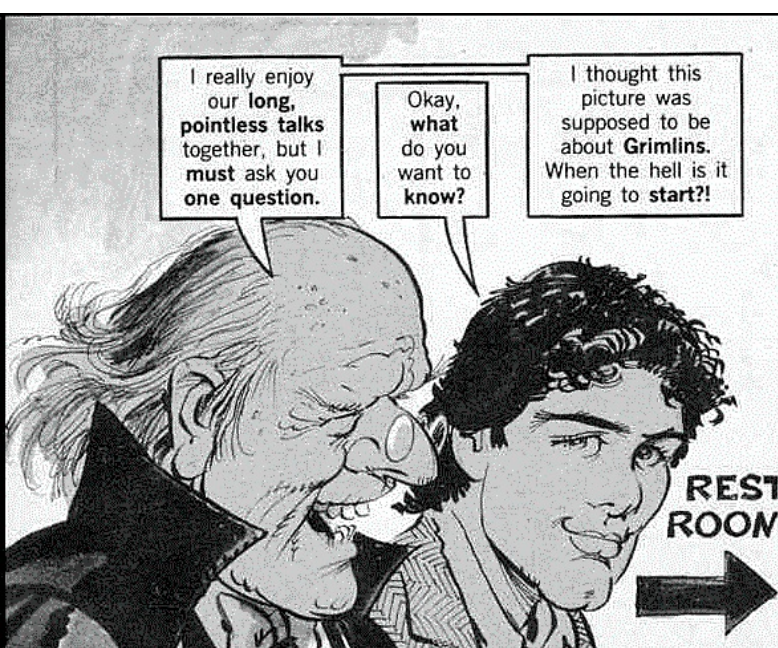


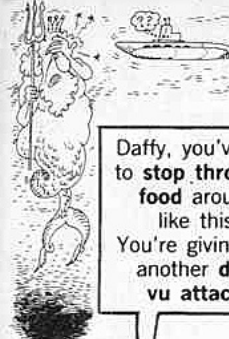
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THE NEW BOTCH

WRITER: STAN HART







Daffy, you've got to **stop throwing food** around like this! You're giving me another **deja vu** attack!

She saw this kind of food fight six years ago in *Grimlins I*.

Six years ago? How about **twelve years** ago in *Animal House*?

Nothing in the building is **working**. Hundreds of people's lives are in **mortal danger**. There's **sheer terror** in the corridors and panic on the staircases!

I'll call someone who **handles** this kind of situation every day!

You mean an **en-gin-ee-r**?

No, an **assistant principal** in a New York City high school!

Wait, I see a guy who can get this office building **back into shape**!



Don't bother me, I'm too busy making my own sequel!

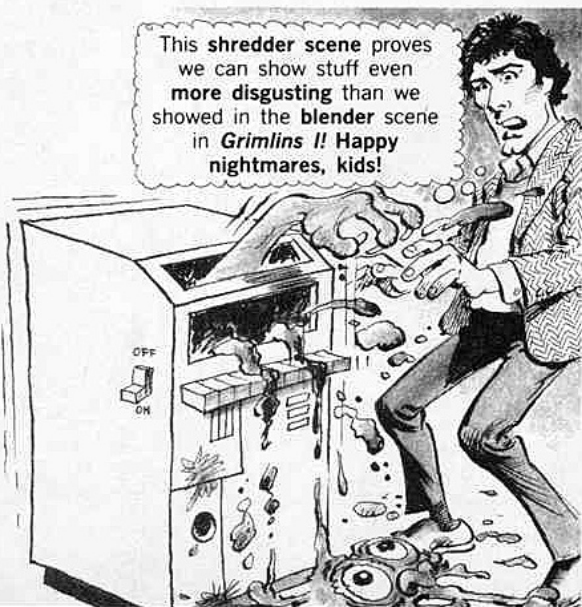


Young lady, take a letter...

Yicch! If that office temp can't type 200 words a minute, the **personnel manager** is history! Then again, she's got to be **real easy** at the company Christmas party!



This **shredder scene** proves we can show stuff even **more disgusting** than we showed in the **blender scene** in *Grimlins II*! **Happy nightmares, kids!**



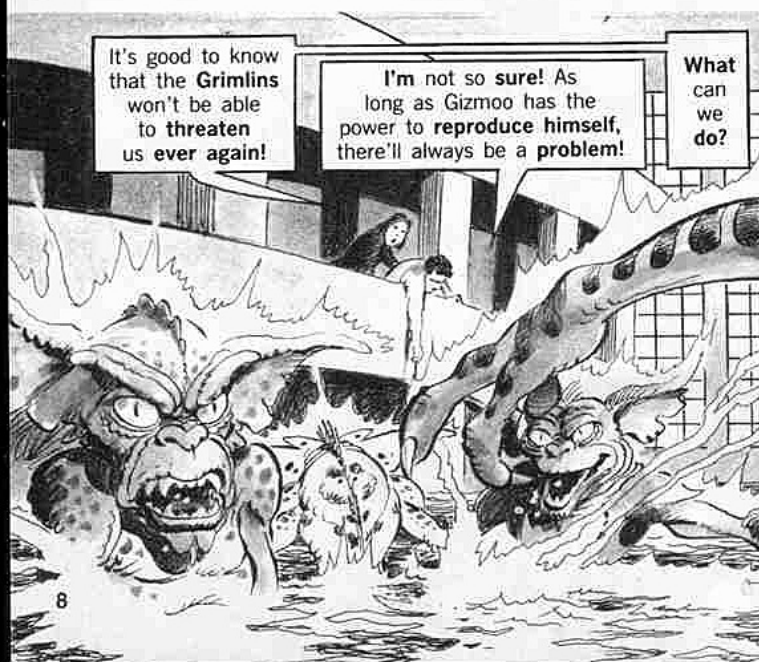
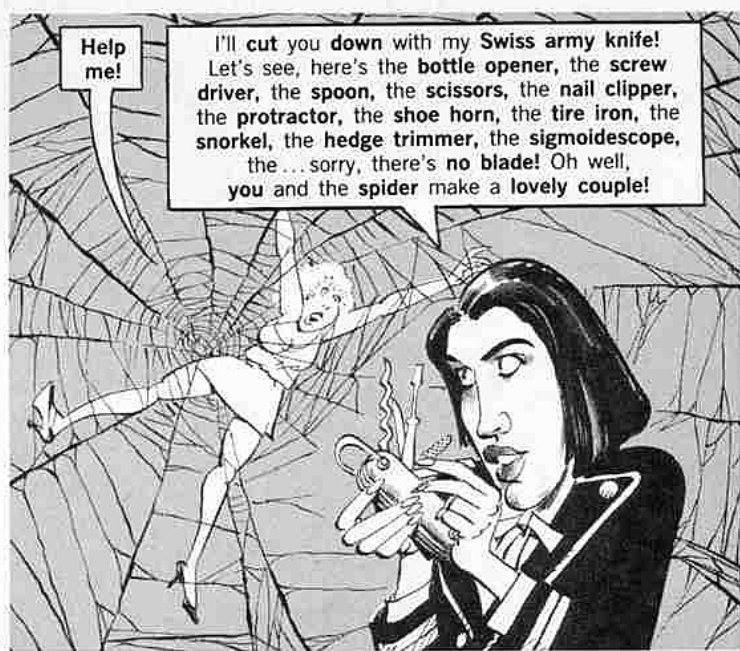
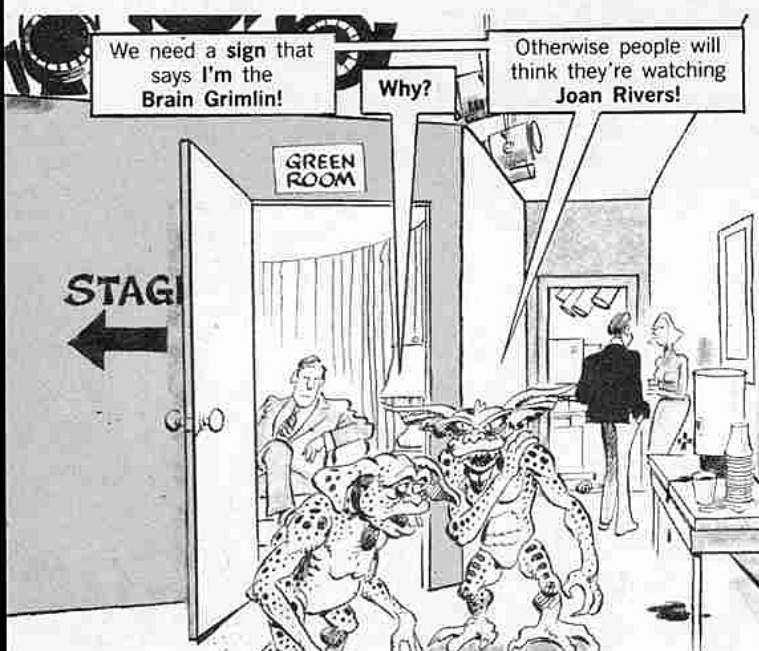
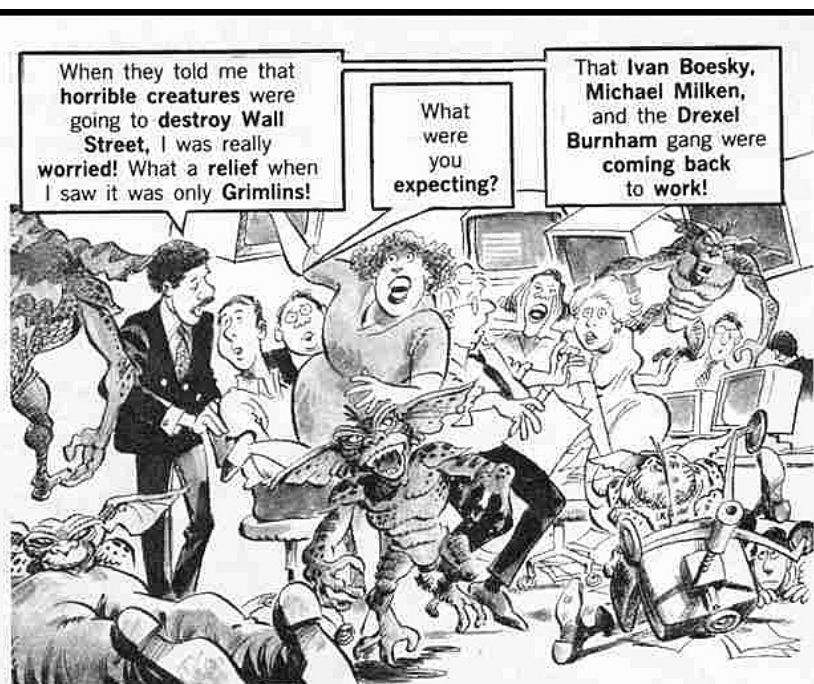
Mr. Chump, we must **evacuate the building**! **Grimlins** are taking over every office! It's a matter of **life and death**!

Don't believe it, Mr. Chump! The kid's **nuts**!

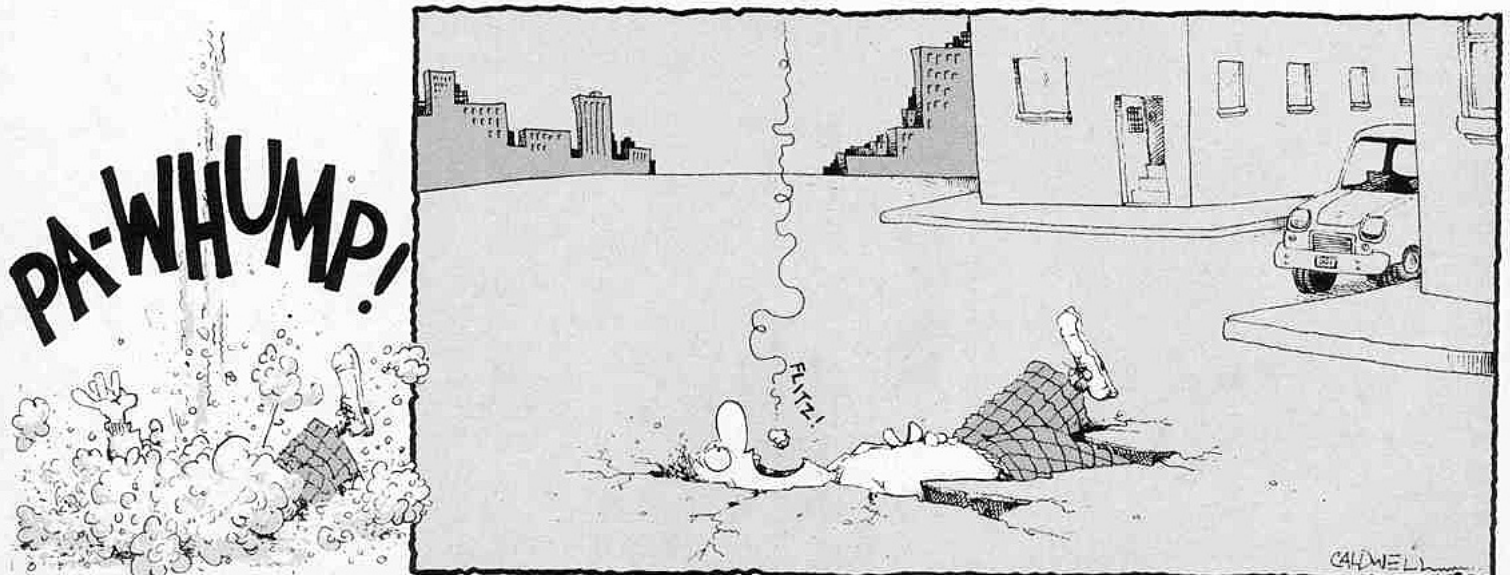
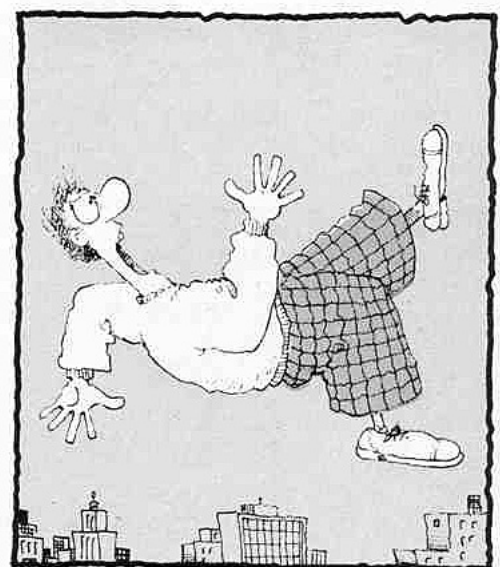
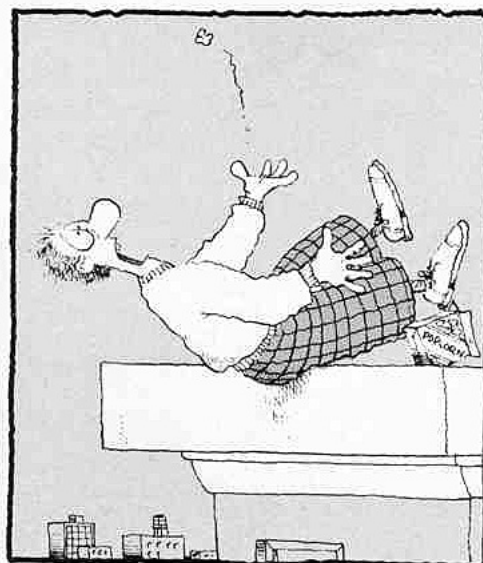
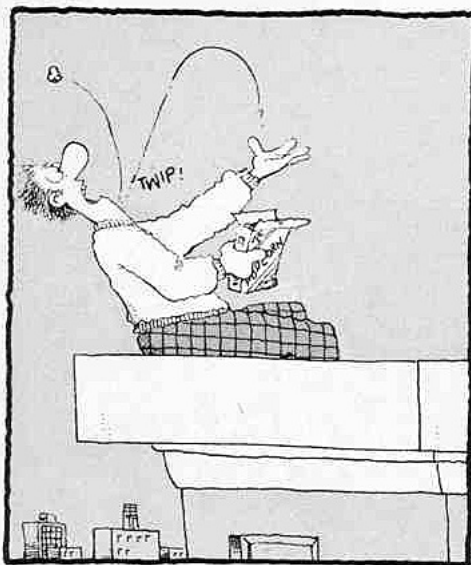
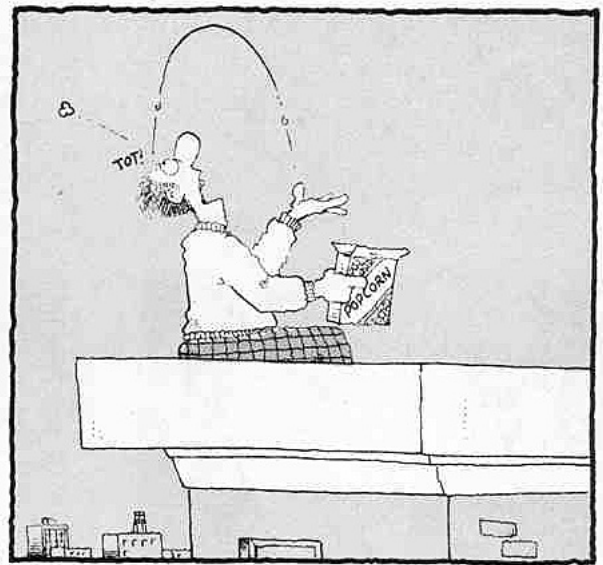
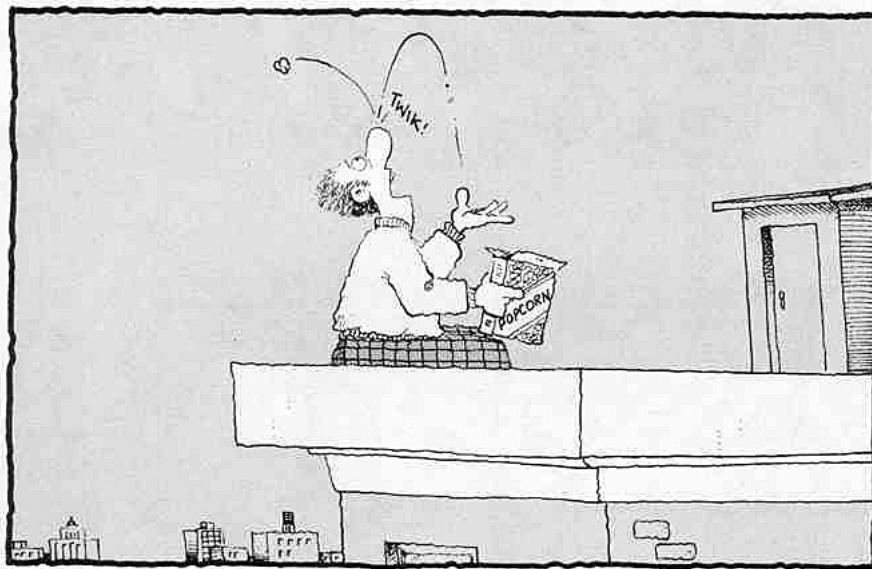
Just what is your **function** around here?

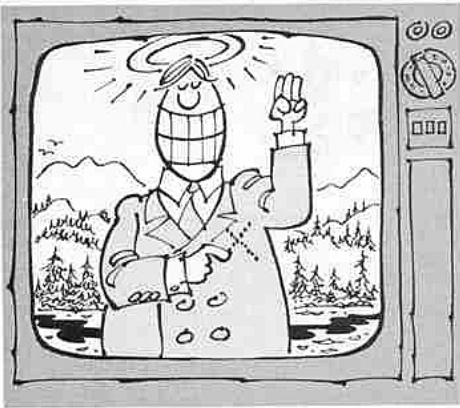
The **same function** that cops in all horror movies have—to **ignore the hero** and to **ridicule him**! Maybe you recognize me from *The Blob* or *The Thing* or *I Was a Teenage Werewolf*!





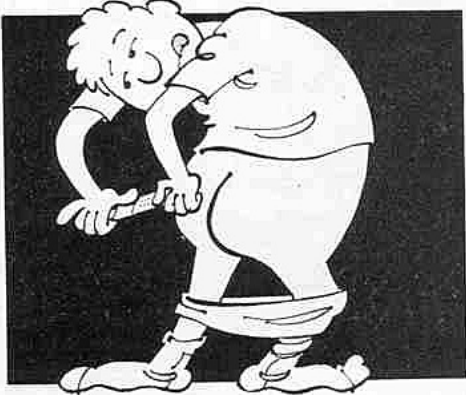
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Believing anything Exxon says.

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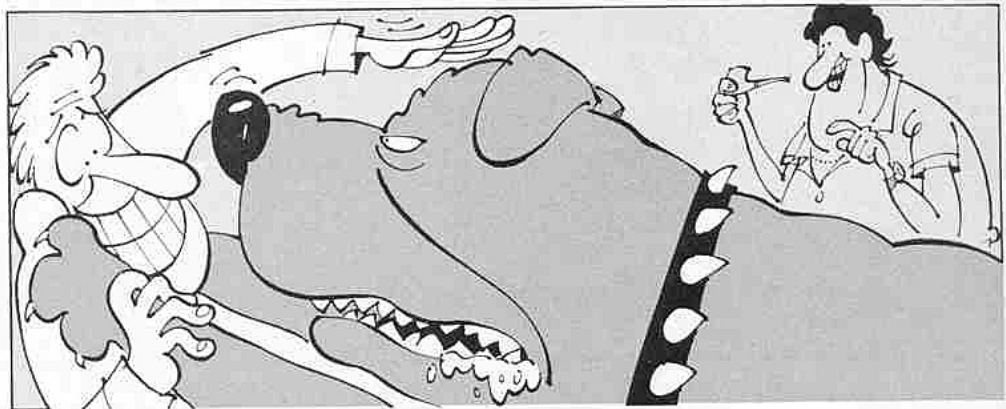
Centering a Band-Aid on certain body parts on the first try.



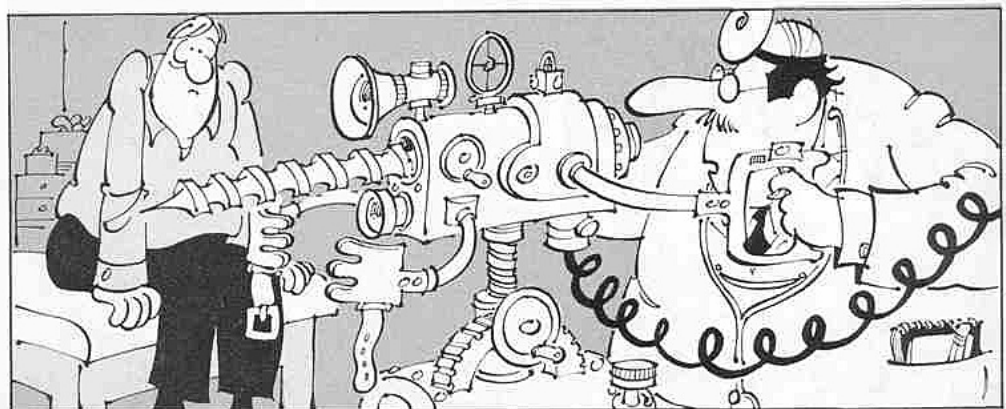
Scalping tickets for a New Jersey Nets/Miami Heat basketball game.



Removing the soap from your body after the water turns cold in the middle of a shower.

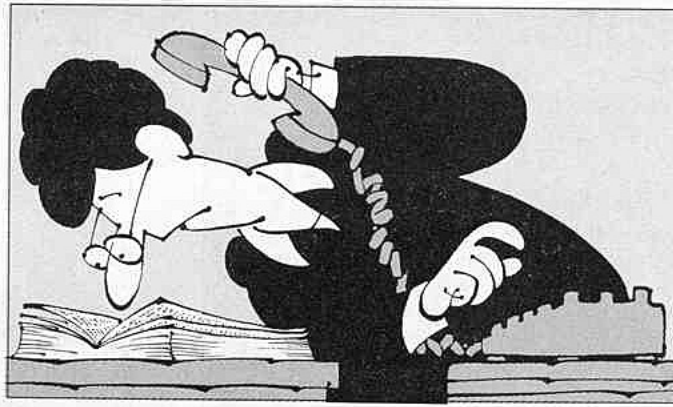


Maintaining a friendly expression after a friend tells you that his rottweiler can "smell fear."



Looking calm during a physical exam when your doctor suddenly brings out some weird instrument and tells you to take off your clothes.

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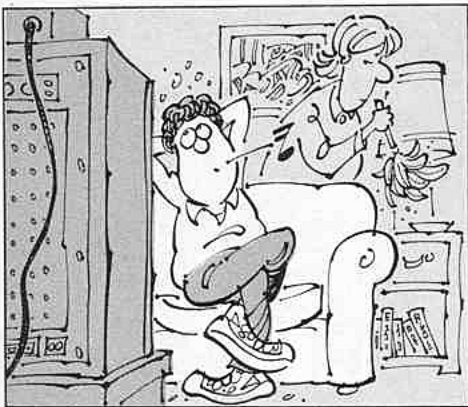
Remembering anybody's phone number six months after you purchase a phone with "autodial."



Acting casual at a topless beach.



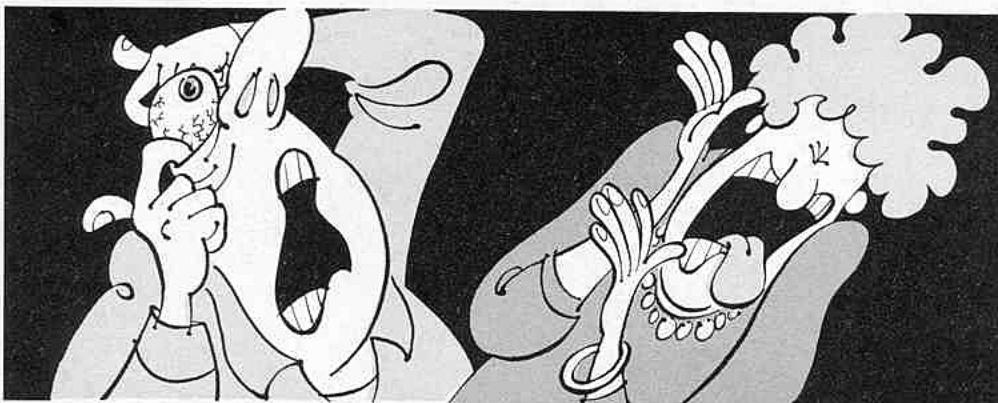
Buying a car for the advertised price.



Watching a steamy R-rated film with your mother in the room.

ARTIST: PAUL COKER

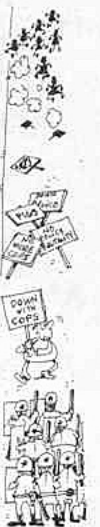
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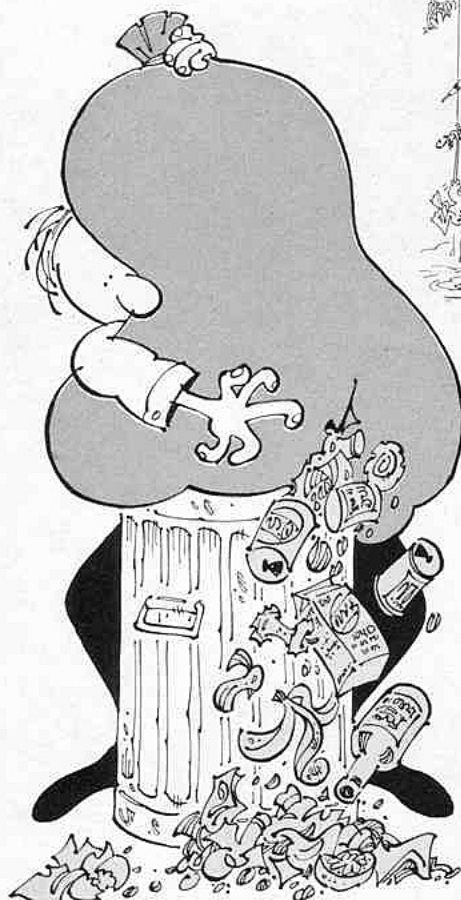
Retrieving a contact lens that's traveled up to the back of your eye —or watching someone else do it.



Mending something with Super Glue and not winding up with your fingers stuck together.



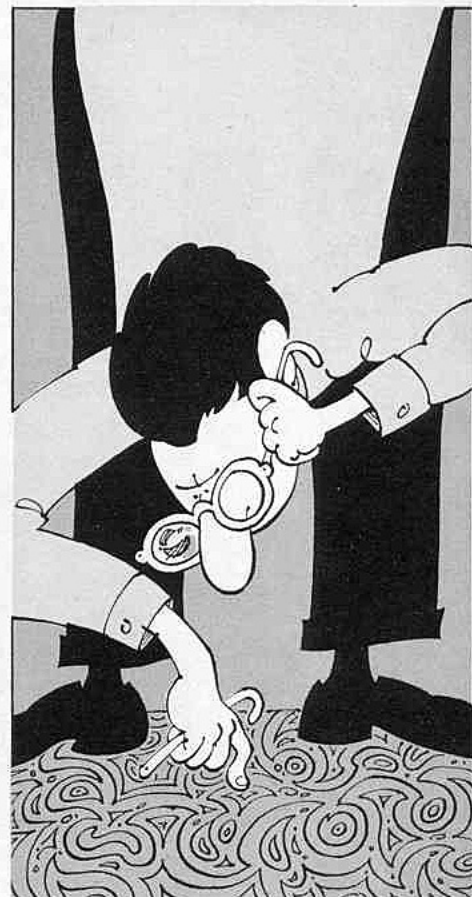
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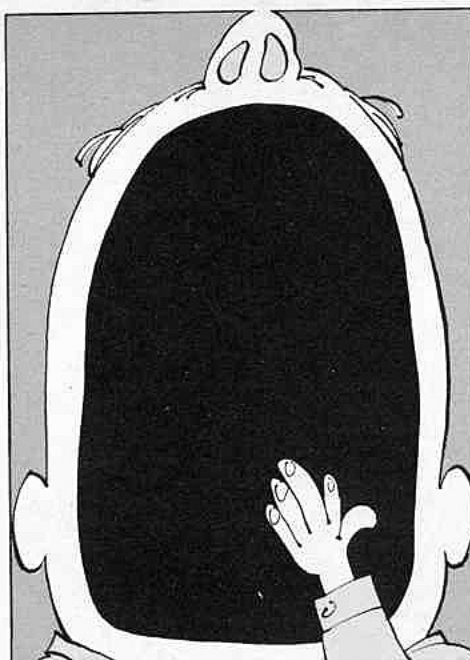
Getting a giant plastic bag of trash into the can once it splits.



Getting through to the Department of Motor Vehicles by telephone.



Finding the little screw that just popped out of your glasses.



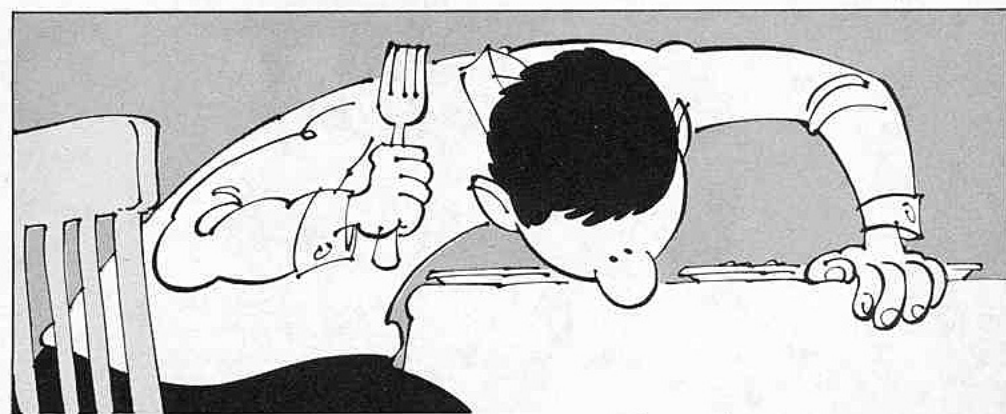
Getting excited about the annual Bud Bowl.



Programming a VCR for a show airing two weeks from Sunday.



Telling the saleslady that she gave you change for ten dollars, when you only gave her five.

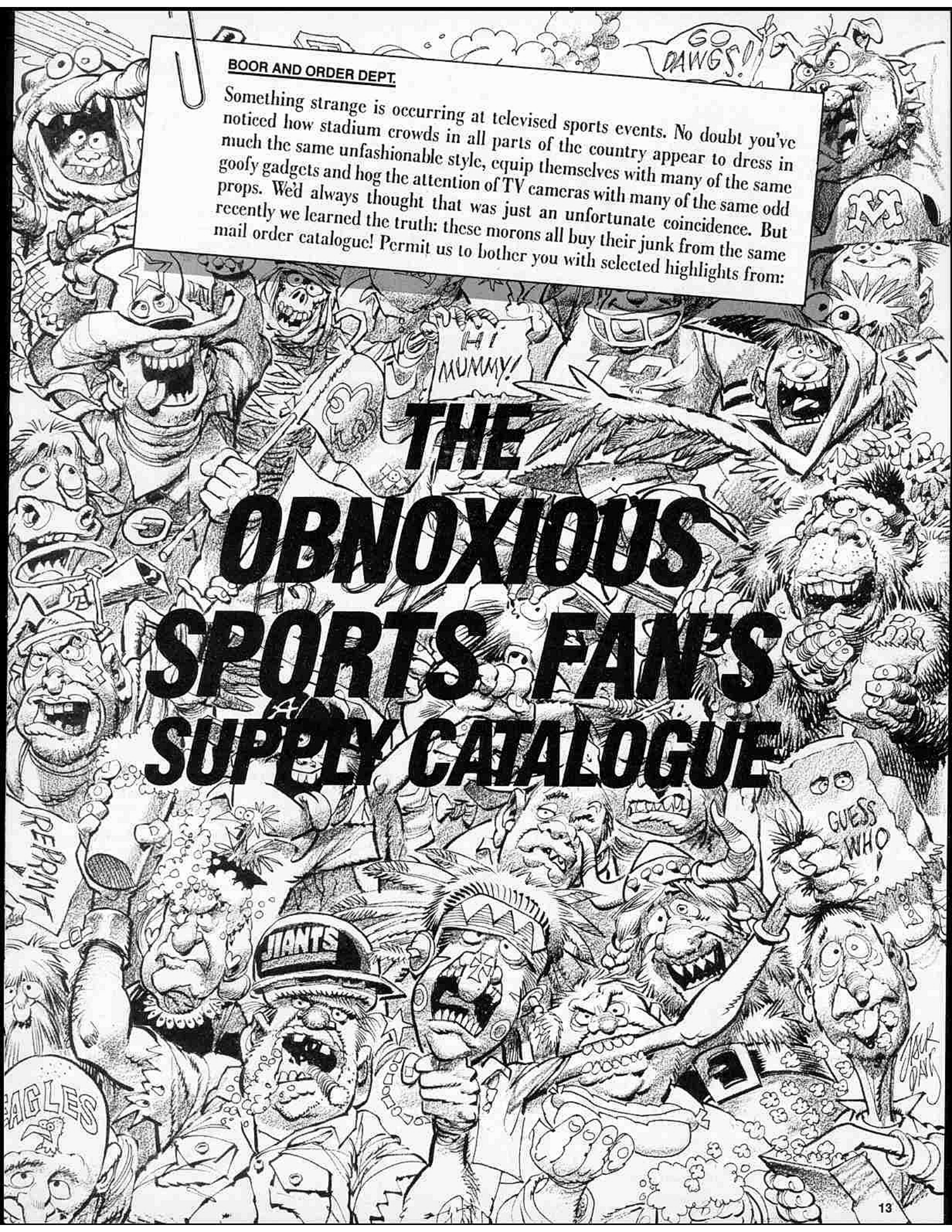


Resisting the temptation to pick up that last piece of incredibly delicious chocolate cake that just fell on the floor, and eat it.

BOOR AND ORDER DEPT.

Something strange is occurring at televised sports events. No doubt you've noticed how stadium crowds in all parts of the country appear to dress in much the same unfashionable style, equip themselves with many of the same goofy gadgets and hog the attention of TV cameras with many of the same odd props. We'd always thought that was just an unfortunate coincidence. But recently we learned the truth: these morons all buy their junk from the same mail order catalogue! Permit us to bother you with selected highlights from:

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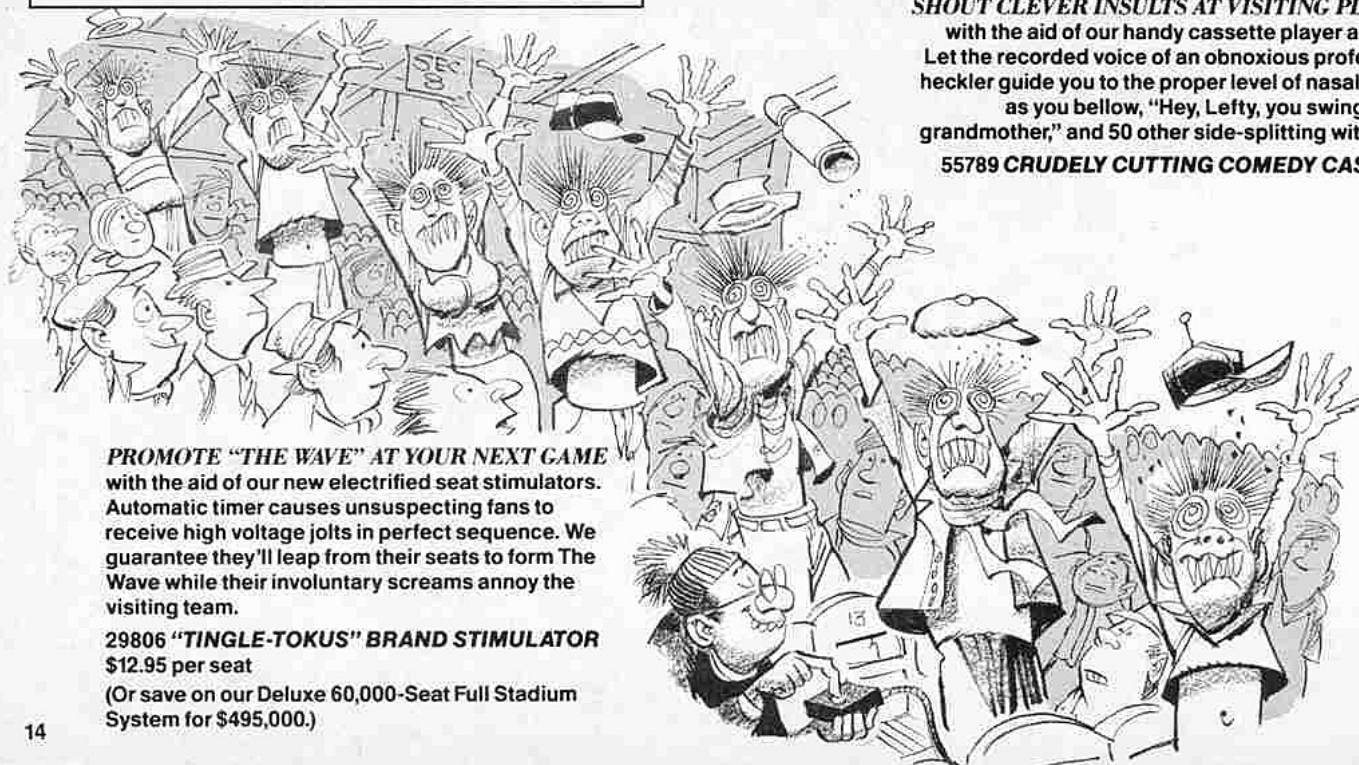
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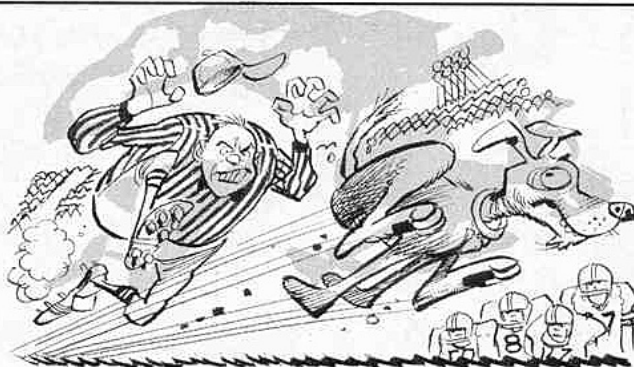
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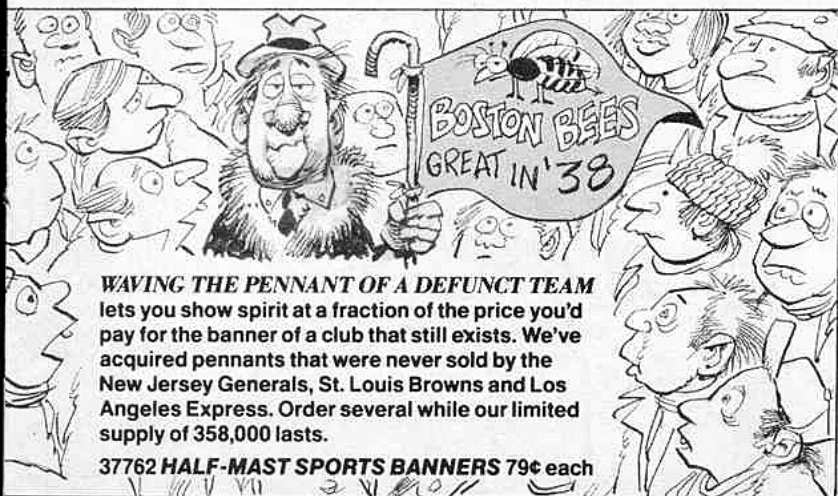
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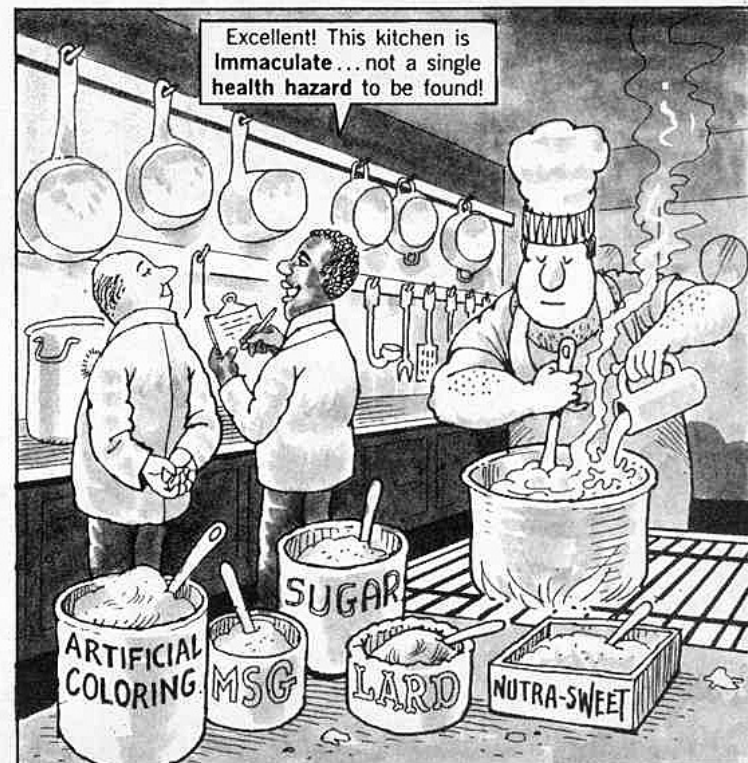
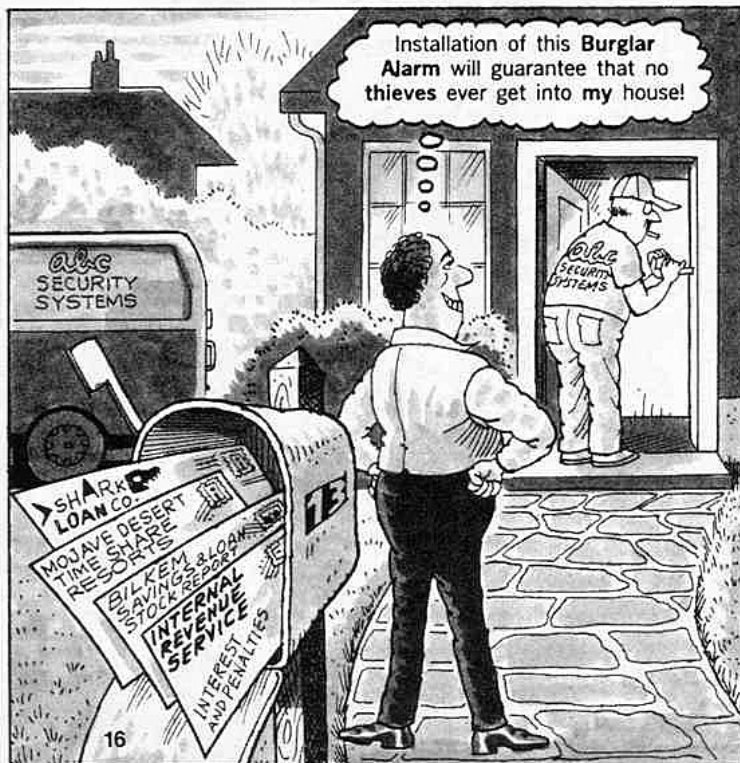
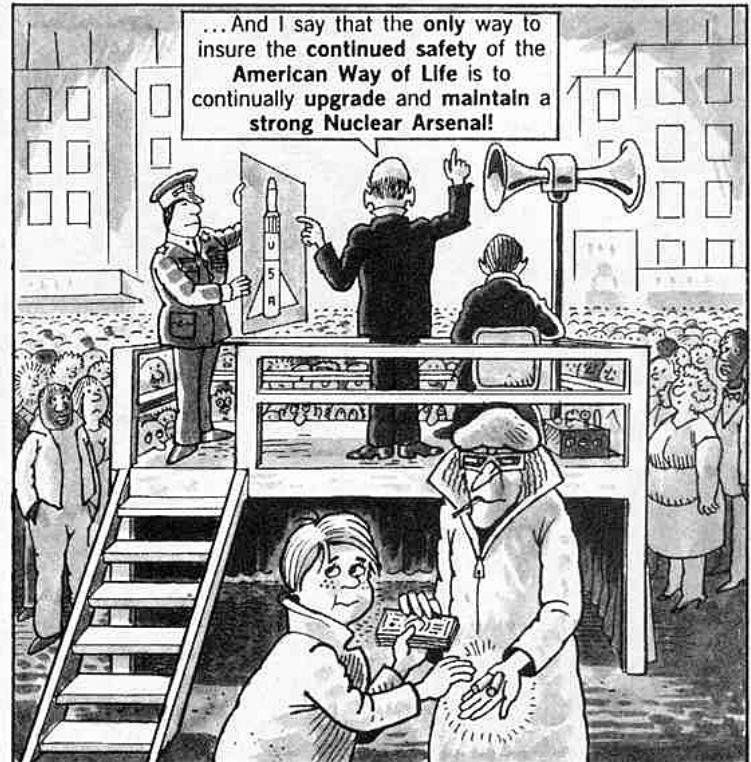
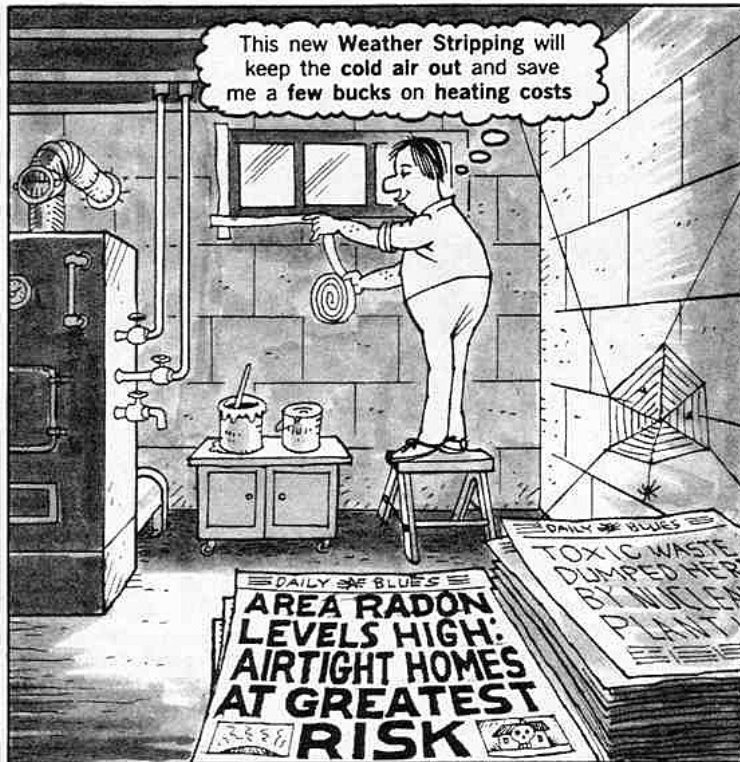
37762 HALF-MAST SPORTS BANNERS 79¢ each

At one time or another, you've probably seen a horse wearing blinders. Blinders are a good thing, because they keep the horse in a straight line and out of trouble, since it's unaware of what's going on around it. Sometimes, people are so unaware of what's going on around them, it seems like they're wearing blinders, too! It boggles the mind to consider how many lives could be changed for the better if someone would pull the blinders off these misguided souls and shout in their face...



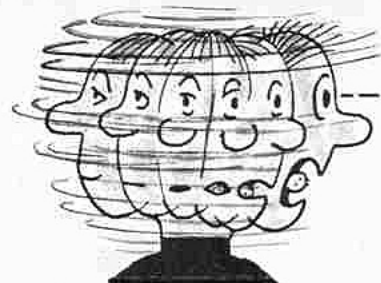
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ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

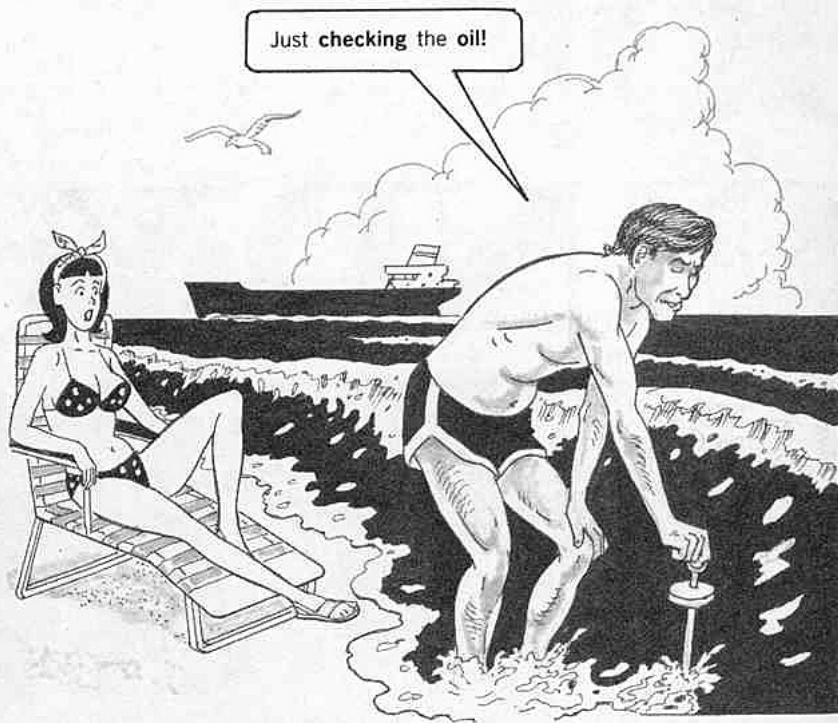


DOK HIND YOU!"

WRITER: MARK D'AMICO



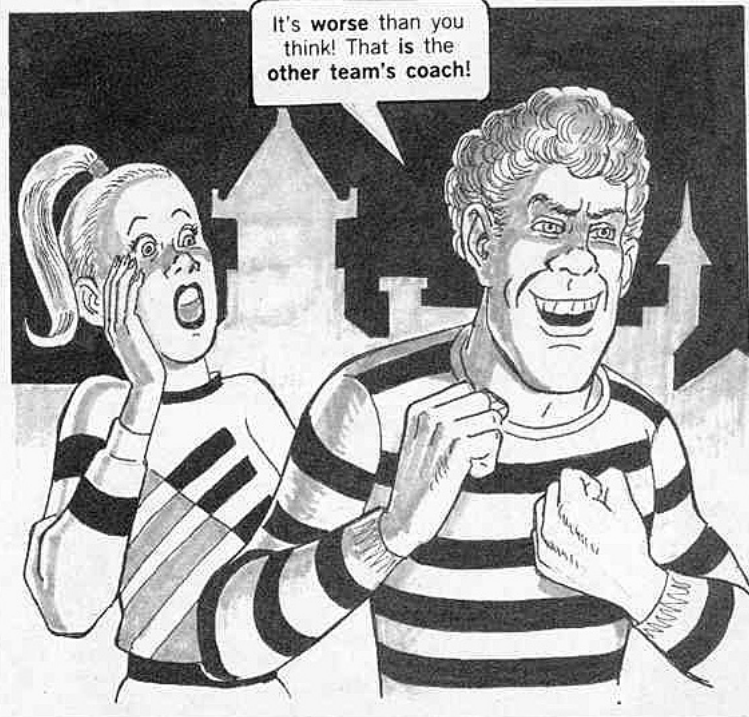
LEISURE TIME



BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTE

TEAM SPIRIT



CARS



R SIDE OF...

ARTIST & WRITER:
DAVE BERG

FINANCES



SPORTSMANSHIP

Well, this new telescopic sight will make it a bit easier to bag an 8-point buck for my trophy room!

Isn't the match-up between all your equipment and a deer a little unfair?

Yes, it is! But that's the way it goes...

...until they come up with something to keep those damn things from running so fast!

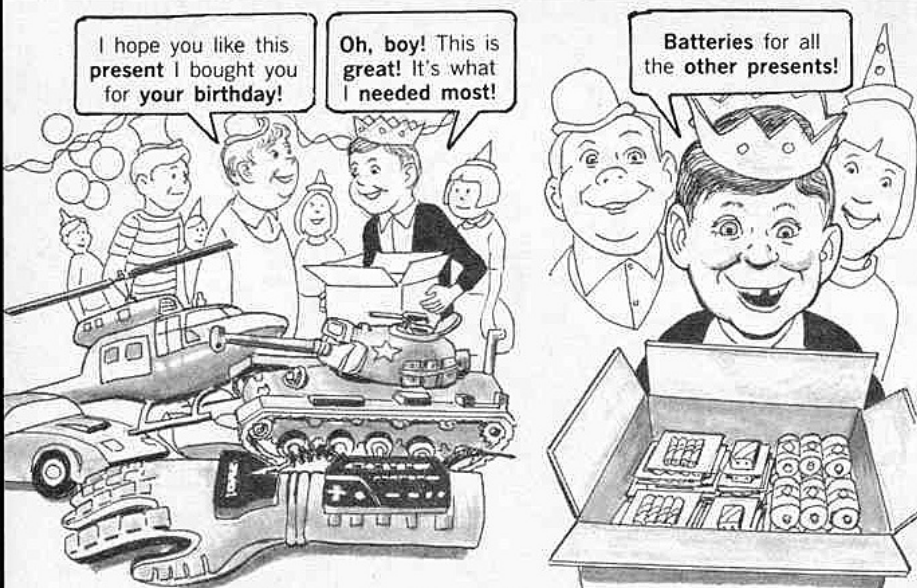


GIFTS

I hope you like this present I bought you for your birthday!

Oh, boy! This is great! It's what I needed most!

Batteries for all the other presents!



MOVIES

I took the whole family to the movies last night! It was a real tear-jerker!

What are you talking about? They're showing a comedy!



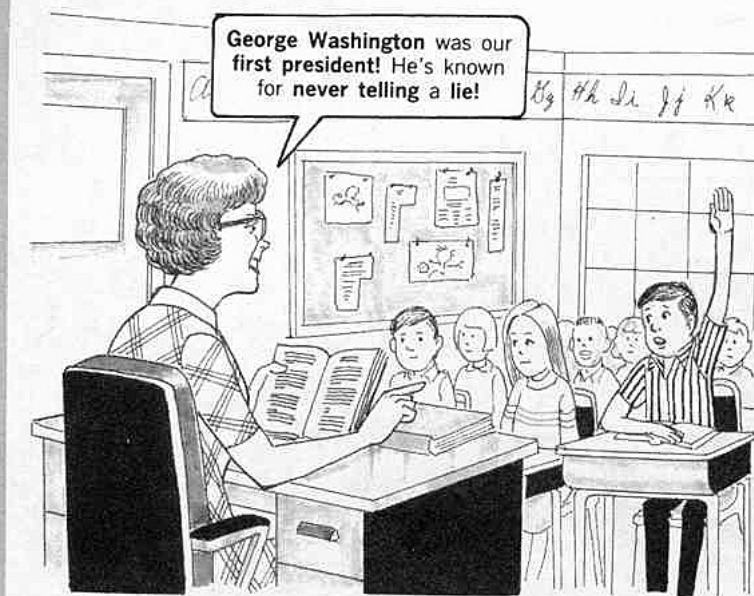
LEARNING

Thanks for having me over tonight, Jim! I loved your bratty kids, and the argument you had with your nagging wife was real fun!

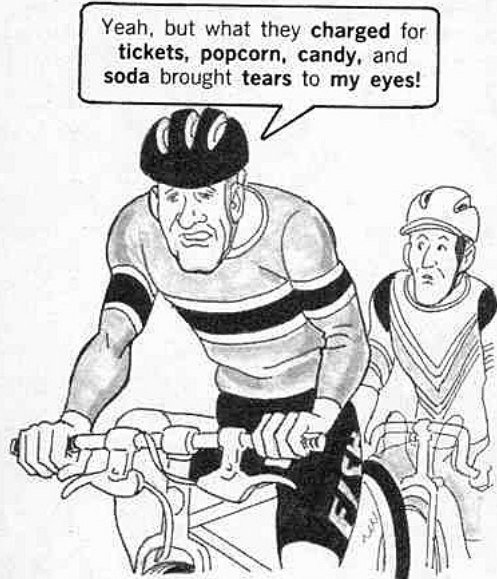
I needed that experience to strengthen my desire to stay a bachelor!



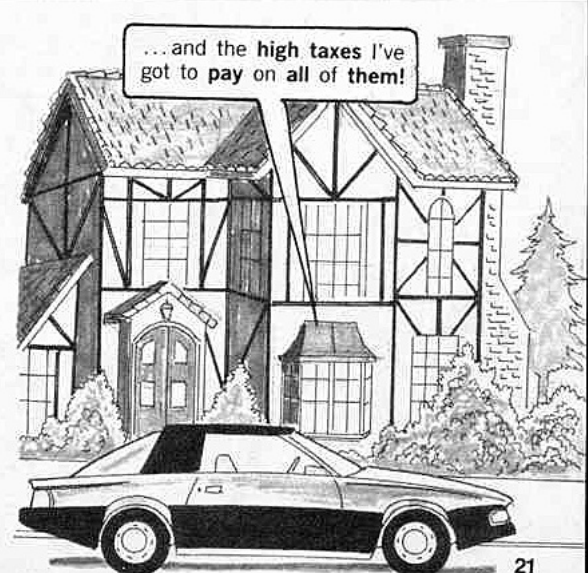
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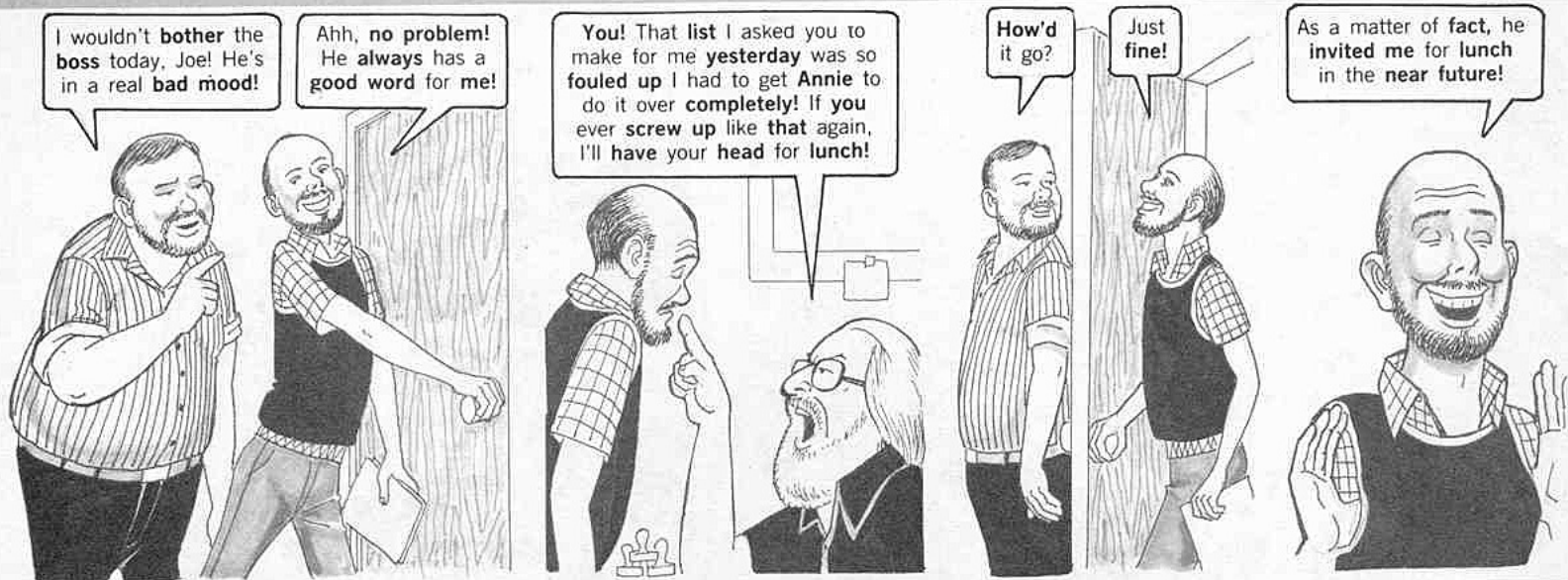
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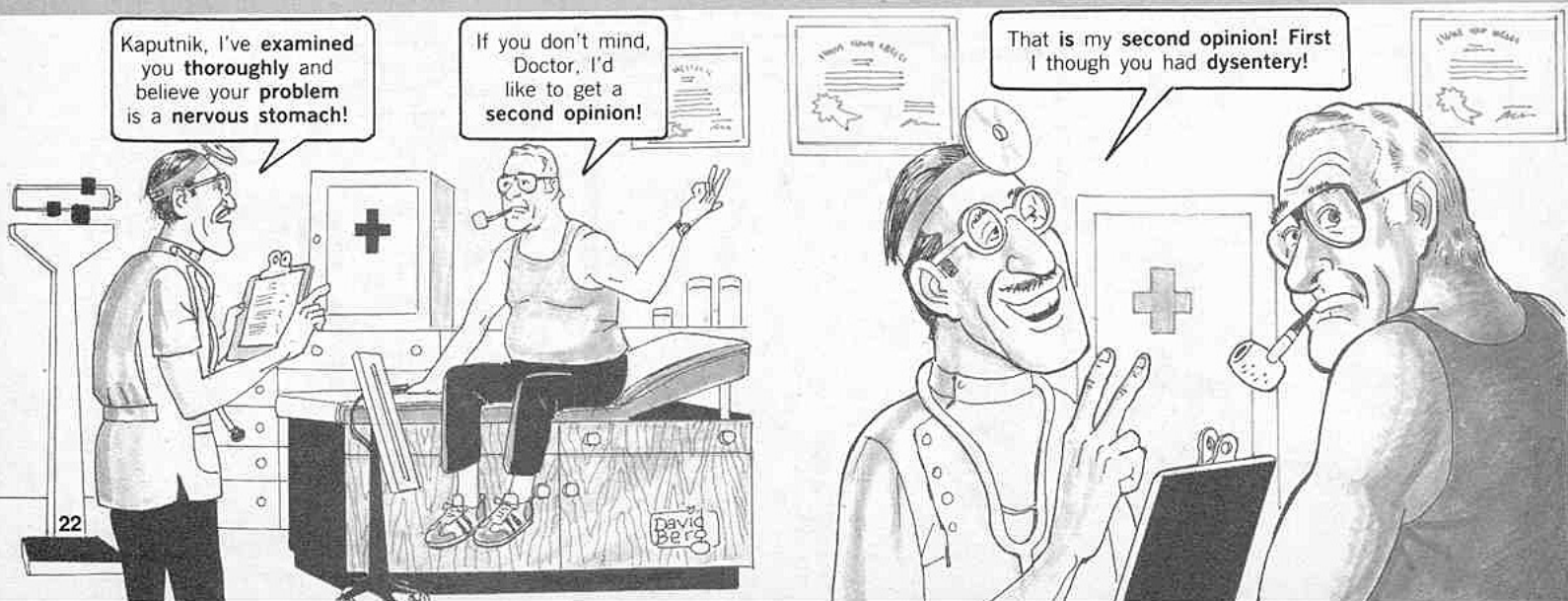
THE OFFICE



DISPOSABLE LIVING



DOCTORS



A few years ago, there was a film about a cop who was part human and part robot. One would think that after seeing Chuck Norris and Arnold Schwarzenegger, we would have had our fill of robot-like cops. But NO-O-O! They had to give us another one! So we're giving you another one of our stupid satires! Here's...

ROBOCRAP₂

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

WRITER: STAN HART

In Detroit these days, it's no longer safe to leave your house!

Why don't they get these young hoodlum killers off the streets and back into the high school corridors where they belong?

I'm going to retire from the Detroit Police force! I bought a home in a quieter, more peaceful community!

Really? Where's that?

Beirut!

Who are these people and what war are they protesting?

They're pushers protesting the "War on Drugs!"

MAKE NICE NOT WAR

HELL NO WE WON'T GO

SAY NO TO "SAY NO!"

It must be very difficult to be Robocrap! I can't imagine how he manages to go into these high crime areas every day!

Hmm, what I can't imagine is how he manages to go to the toilet every day!

He seems really attracted to Officer Lowass! She must have something!

She does! She wears a magnet in her bra!



As **Mayor**, there are so many **problems** to **solve**! But despite all of them, I keep my eye on my **one great goal**!

You mean, to make **Detroit** a **better city** to live in?

No, to get **re-elected**!

The city owes our company over \$37,000,000! If you don't **pay**, we **take over the city**! Read the **contract**!

That's a very **shrewd move**, sir!

Some **shrewd move**! Now you own the city's **run-down schools**, the **disgusting slums**, the **shoddy homeless shelters**, the **decaying bridges**, the **rotting roadways**, the **decrepit buses**...

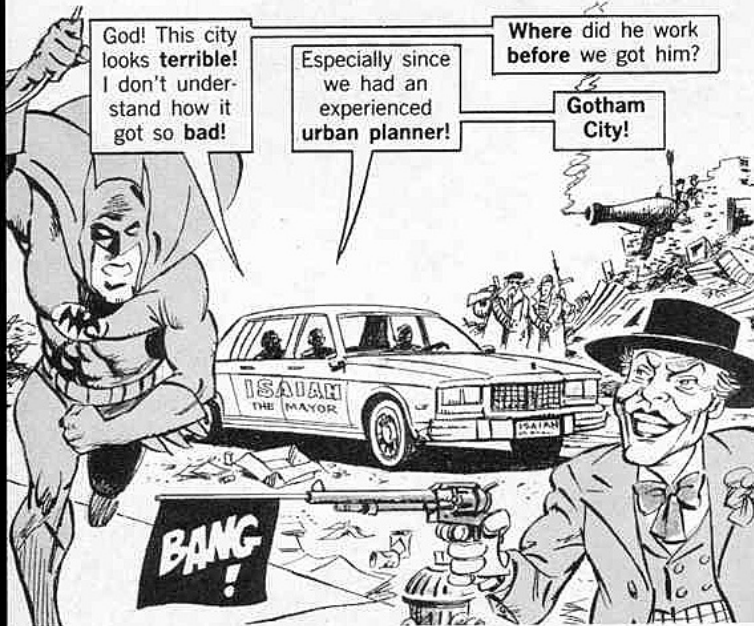


God! This city looks **terrible**! I don't understand how it got so **bad**!

Especially since we had an experienced **urban planner**!

Where did he work **before** we got him?

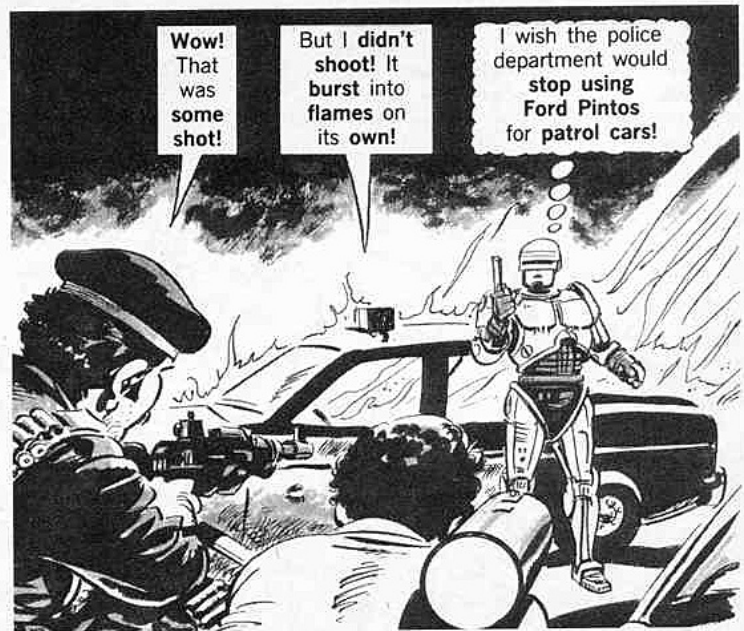
Gotham City!



Wow! That was some **shot**!

But I didn't **shoot**! It **burst into flames** on its own!

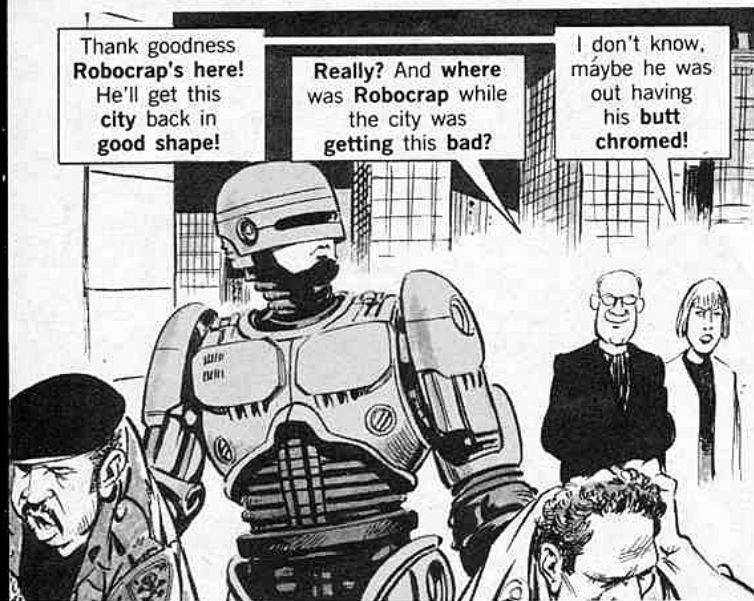
I wish the police department would **stop using Ford Pintos** for patrol cars!



Thank goodness **Robocrap's** here! He'll get this city back in **good shape**!

Really? And where was **Robocrap** while the city was **getting this bad**?

I don't know, maybe he was out having his **butt chromed**!

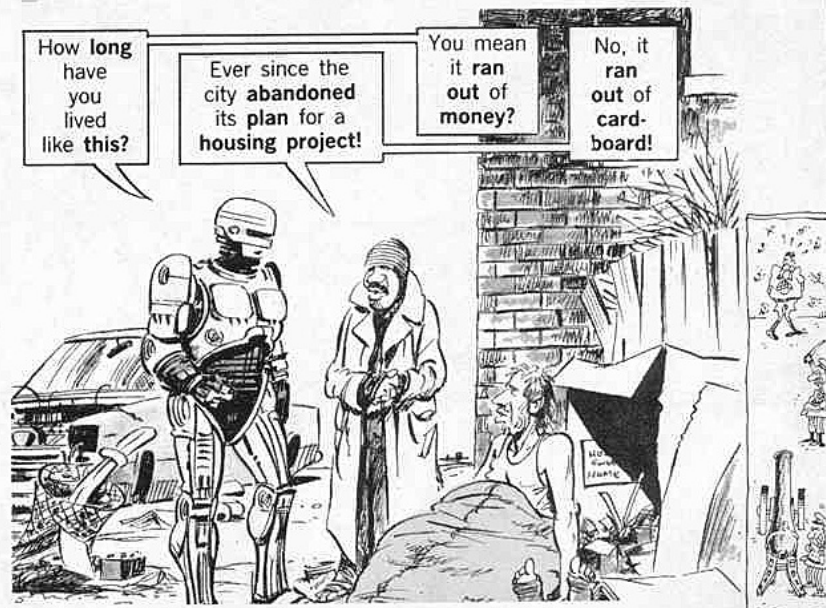


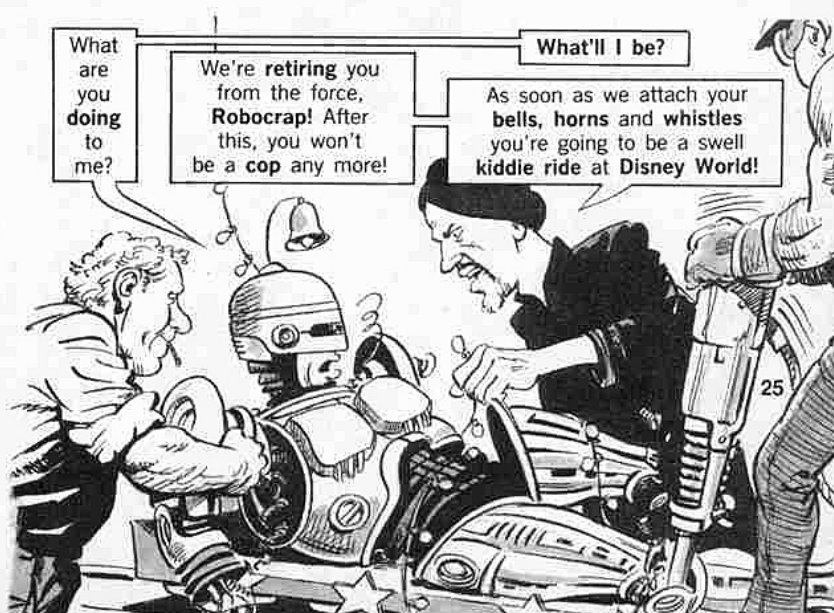
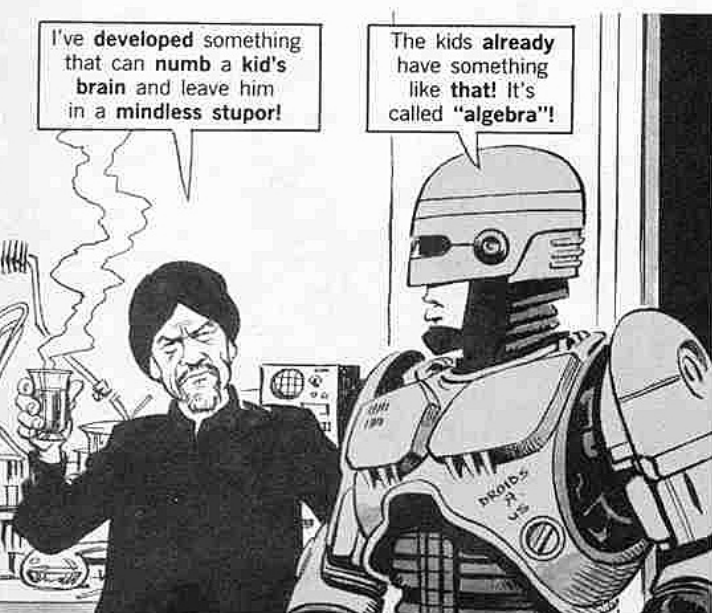
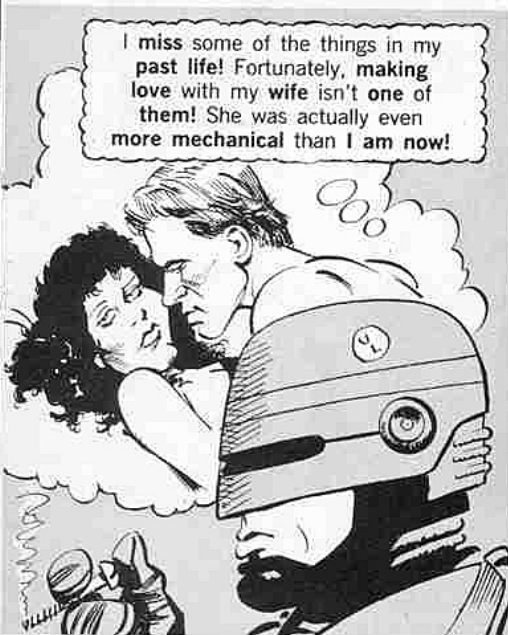
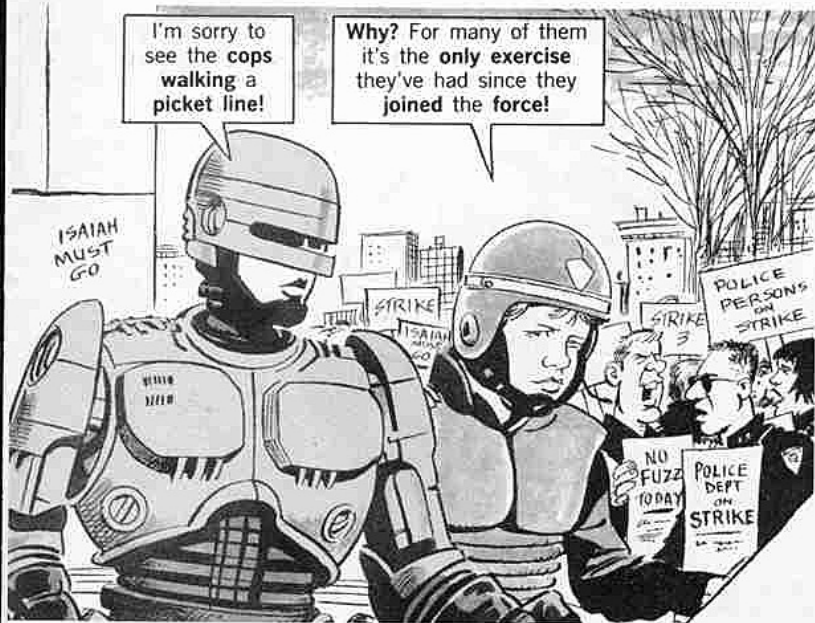
How long have you lived like this?

Ever since the city abandoned its **plan for a housing project**!

You mean it **ran out of money**?

No, it **ran out of cardboard**!





Hmm, now I know how Cher must have felt when she had her first nose job!



Robocrap!
This is terrible!

It could be worse!
At least I got a ride home!



You're going to be fine, big guy! We brought in the best expert in the field!

Really? Who is it?

Mister Goodwrench!



We need a new breed of robot cops! We must implant special brains in them, brains that have never had a single, decent human emotion!

You mean the brains from homicidal maniacs?

Far worse! I'm talking about gym teachers!



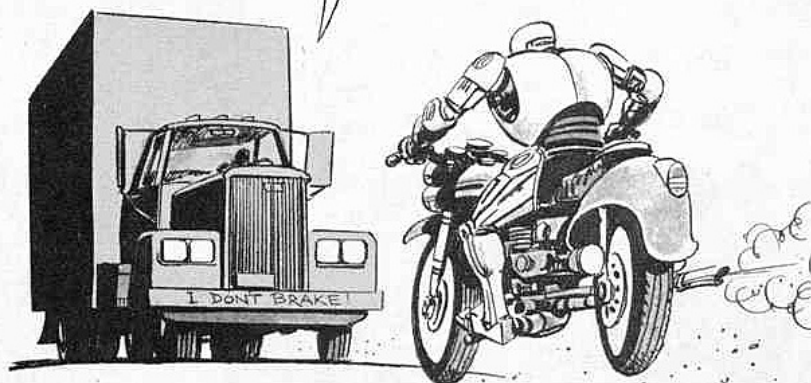
Gee, maybe we shouldn't have had him fixed up at a local chop shop!



Cane, you fiend, I'm going to stop you any way I can!

And the only way you can think of is to run into me, head-on? You're not too resourceful!

Hah, what do I care? I carry no-fault collision insurance and my parts are guaranteed for 50 years by Ginsu!



Doctor, the operation took over fifteen hours! You've done an amazing job assembling this robot!

It was good practice for my next task—a really tough one!

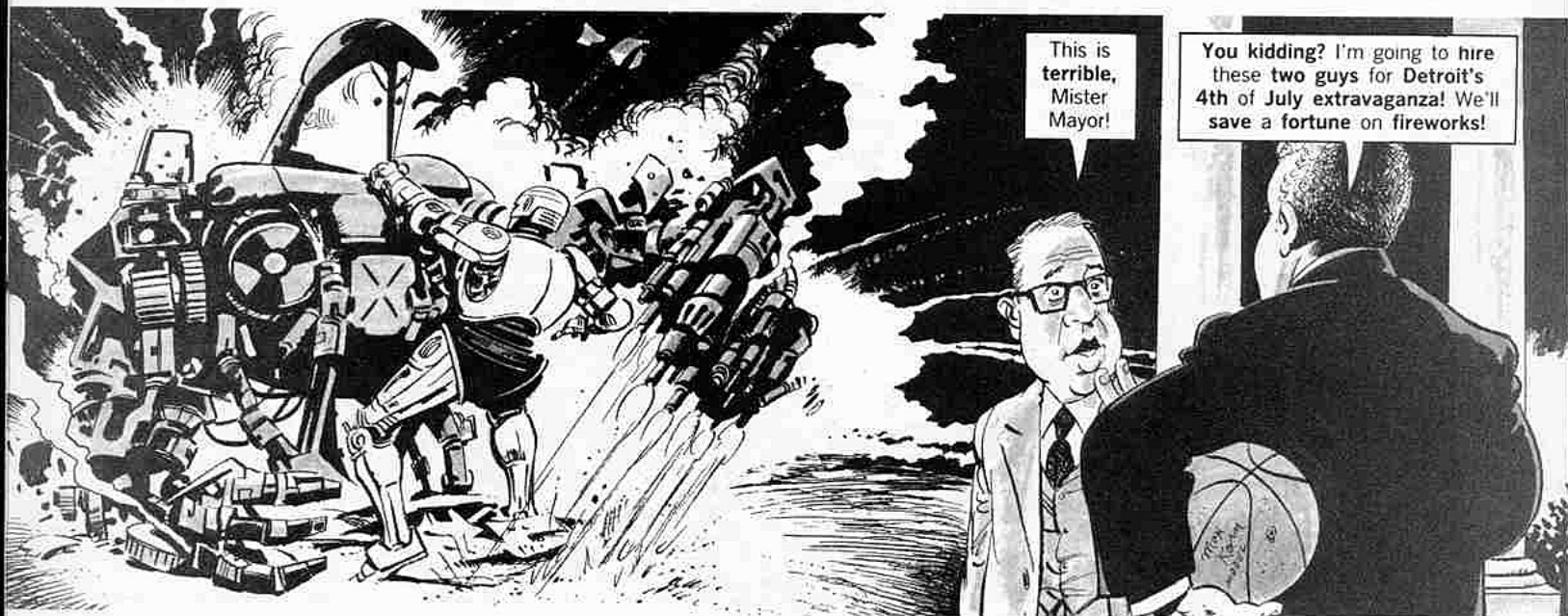
What's that?

Hooking up my VCR, Nintendo, Laser disc, and stereo all to the same TV!

Not only am I super-humanly powerful, but with this light, I can do something no mere human can do!

Really? What's that?

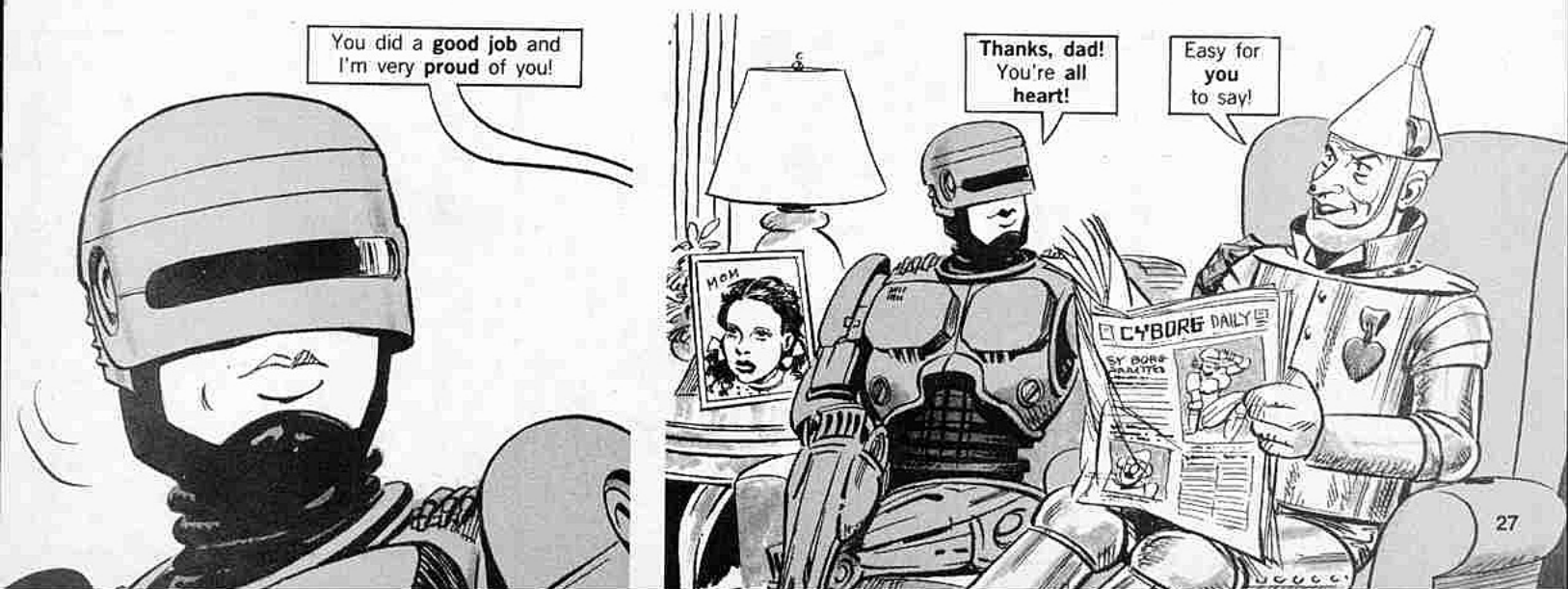
I can find a seat in a theater after the movie has started!



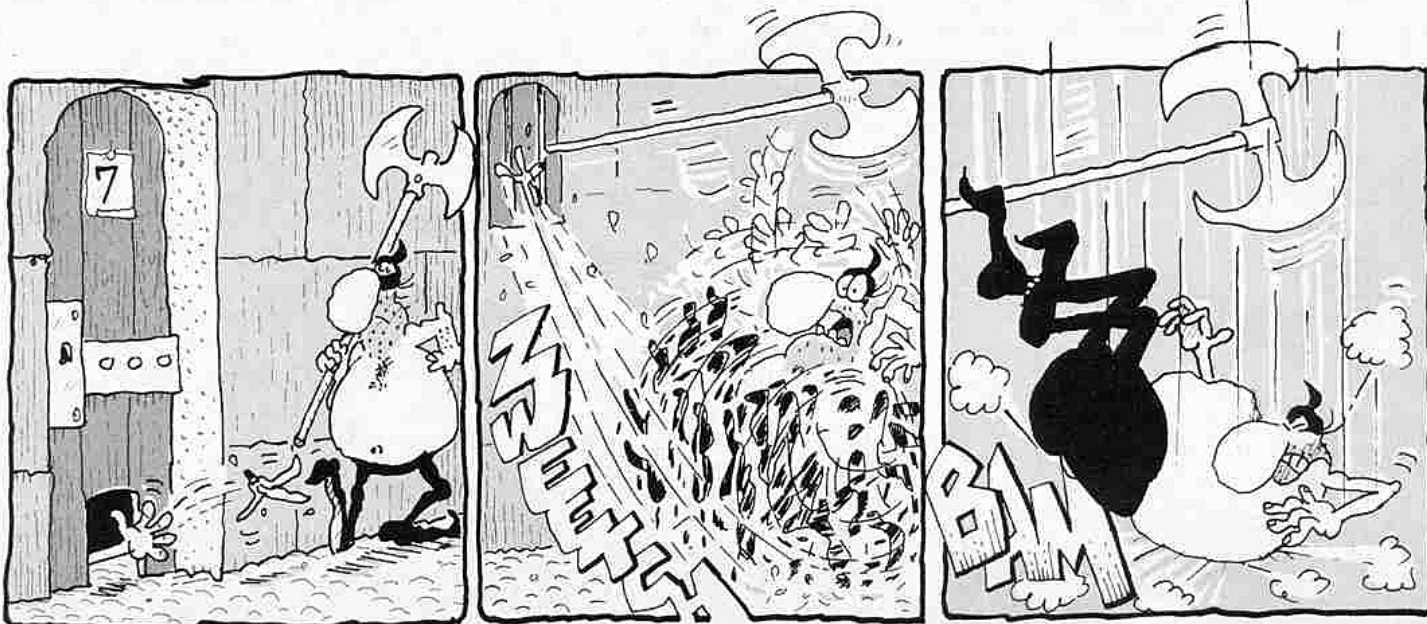
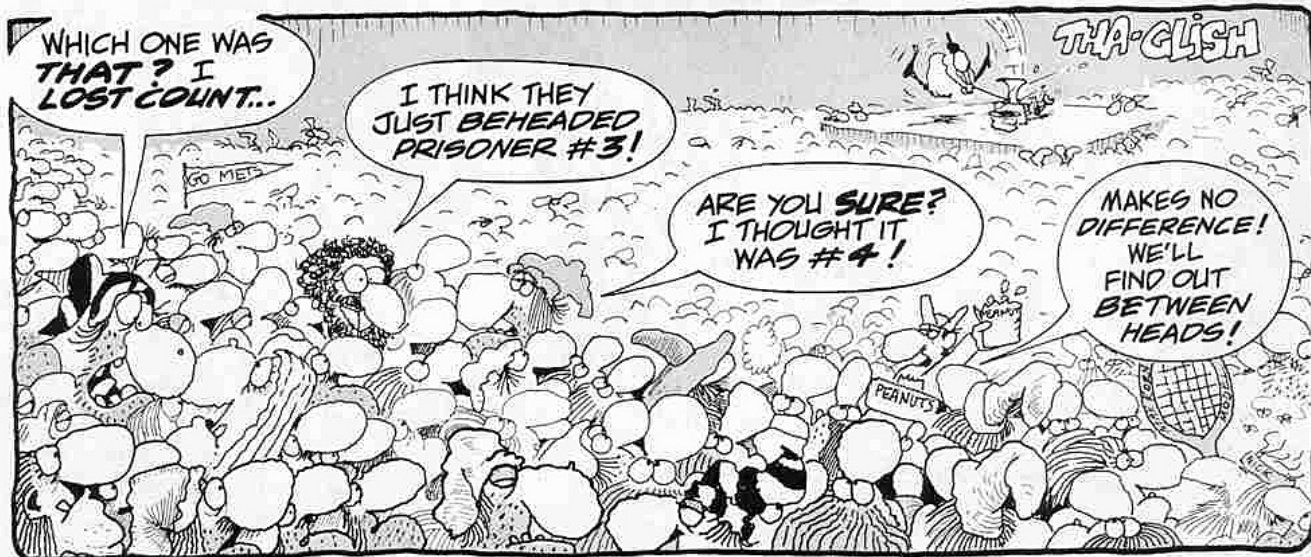
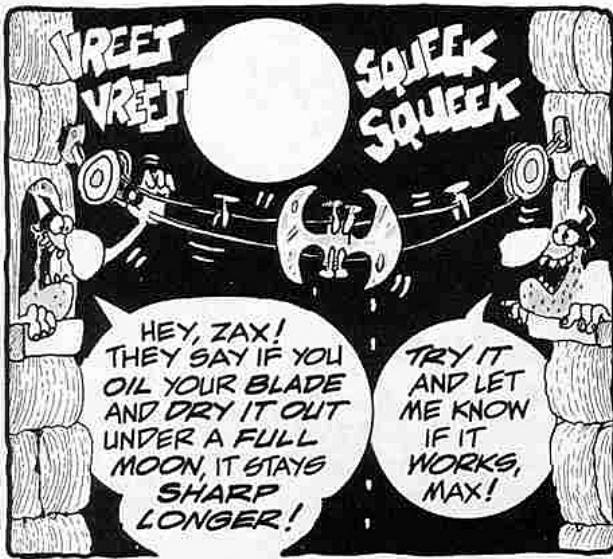
You did a good job and I'm very proud of you!

Thanks, dad! You're all heart!

Easy for you to say!



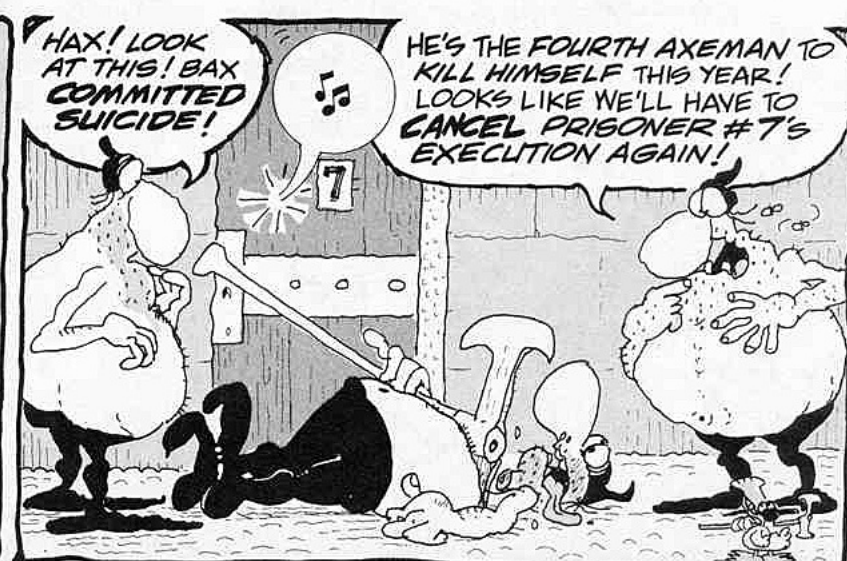
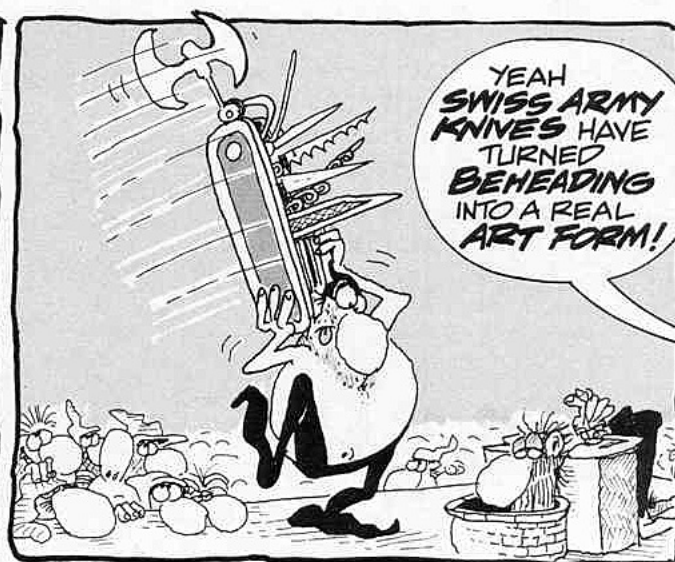
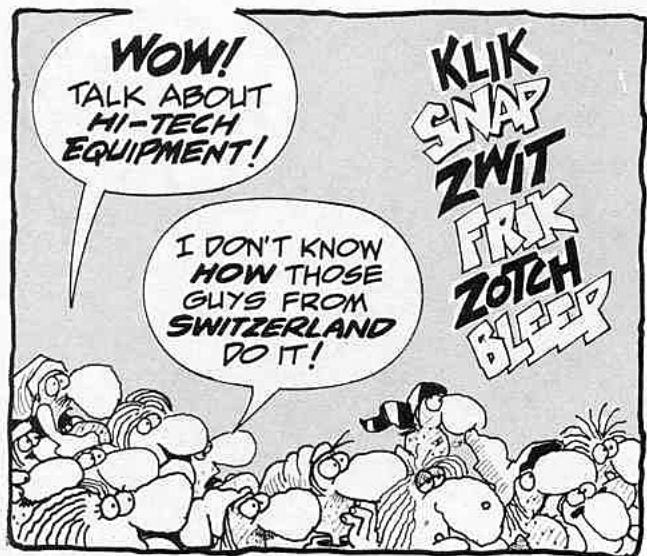
DUCK EDWING



REALLY AXE UP!

ARTIST AND WRITER:

DUCK EDWING



DECIBILL OF GOODS DEPT.

Here's a word you've probably missed: *onomatopoeia*. Since we're a humor magazine, you may think we made it up, like we did those other silly words, *nerfecsterpoc* and *vog*. YOU FOOL!! An onomatopoeia is a word that sounds like the thing it denotes. For example, "buzz" is an onomatopoeia. Get it?? Probably not, which is why we're scrapping our plans to call this article "A MAD Look at Brand Name Onomatopoeias," and simply calling it



REALLY APPROPRIATE BRAND NAME

ARTIST: JOHN POUND

WRITER: RUSS COOPER

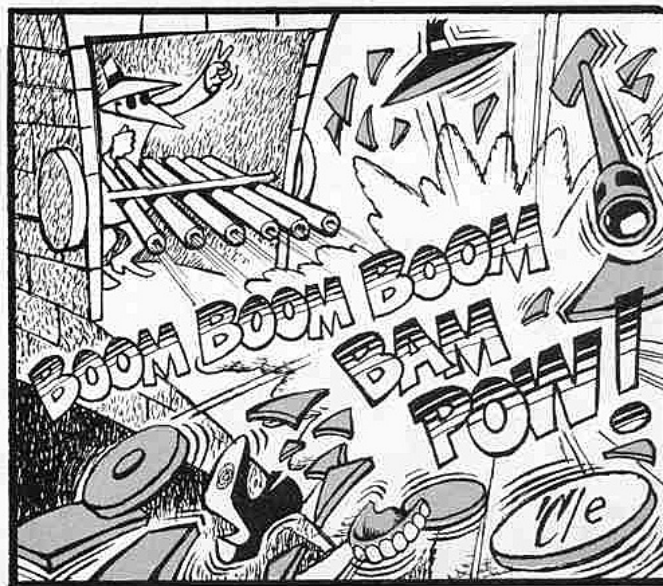
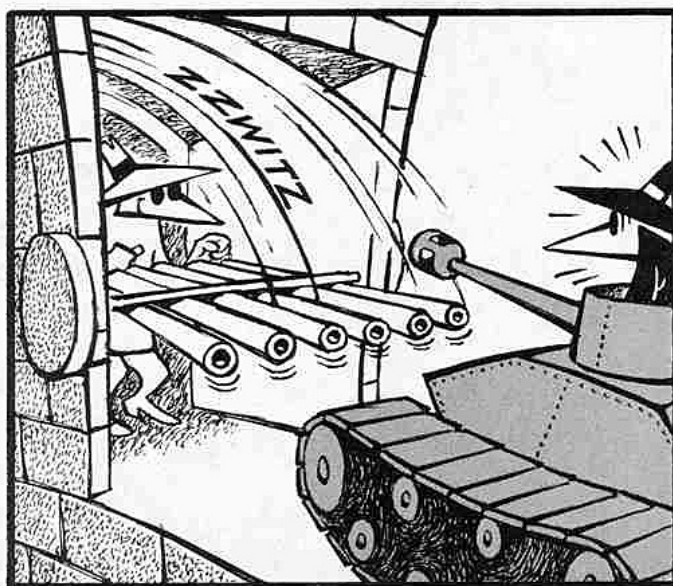
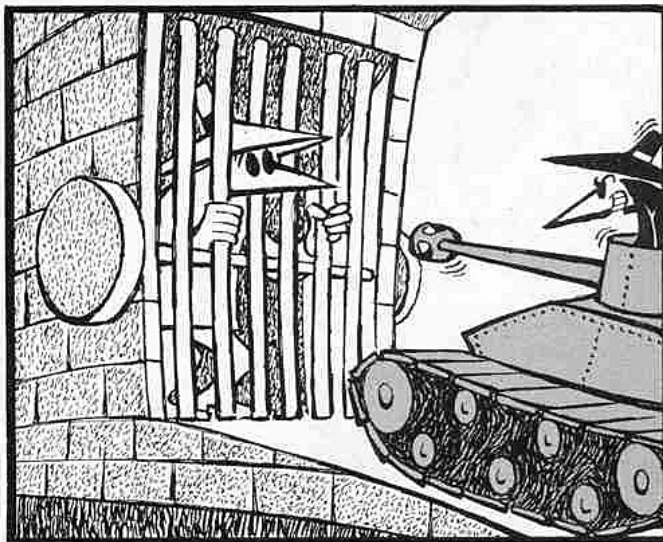
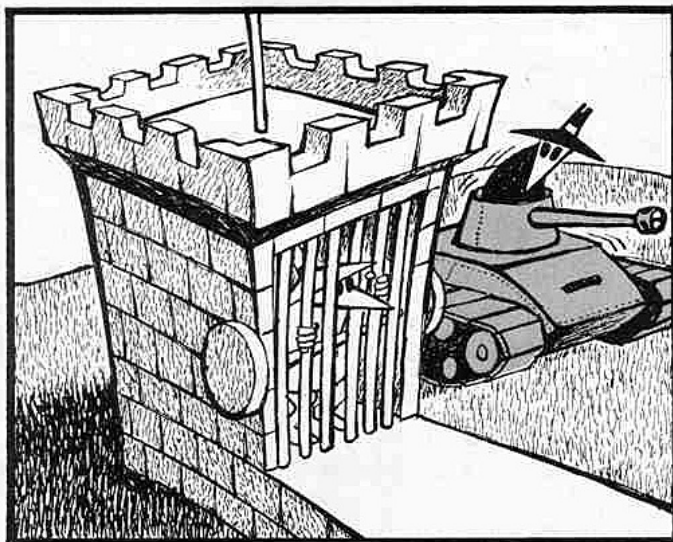
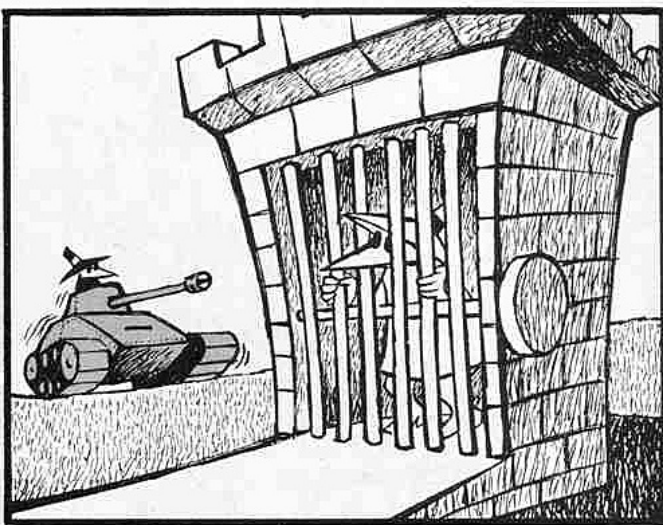
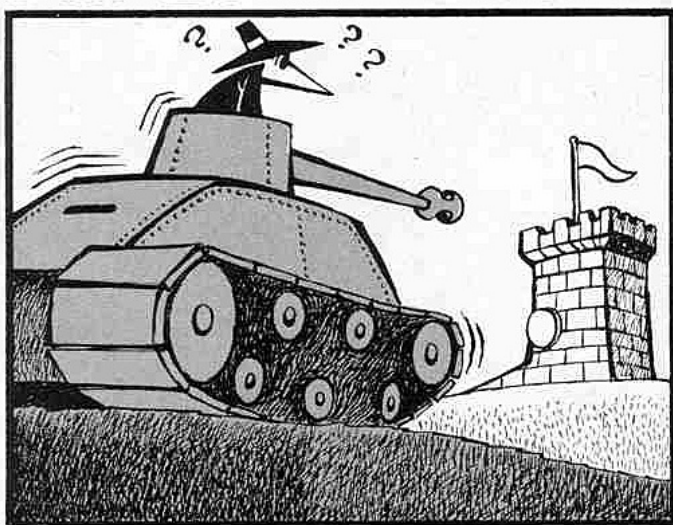
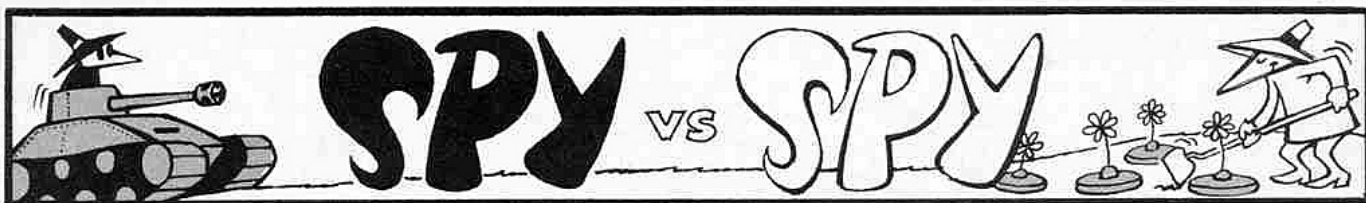




SOUND

効果音





I can't believe it, officer! I turned my back for just 30 seconds and my whole truck was emptied clean!

An entire truck emptied in just 30 seconds? Well, at least we know this wasn't a union job!

Someone lifted my wallet! Did they steal yours too?

I don't know! My pants are gone, so I can't check my pockets!

This is Gapewell O'Wow! If you can tear your eyes away from my great legs for a moment you may notice that a crime wave has struck the city and is all around us! It's not safe anywhere! Even in broad day...

Cut! What happened? Camera trouble?

Sort of! Some teenagers just swiped the TV camera and the remote truck!

Boy, there is a lot of bad stuff going down around here! You really need a hard shell to live in this city! And since we're the only ones with hard shells around here, this is our kind of town! 'Cause we're...

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

ARTIST: SAM VIVIANO

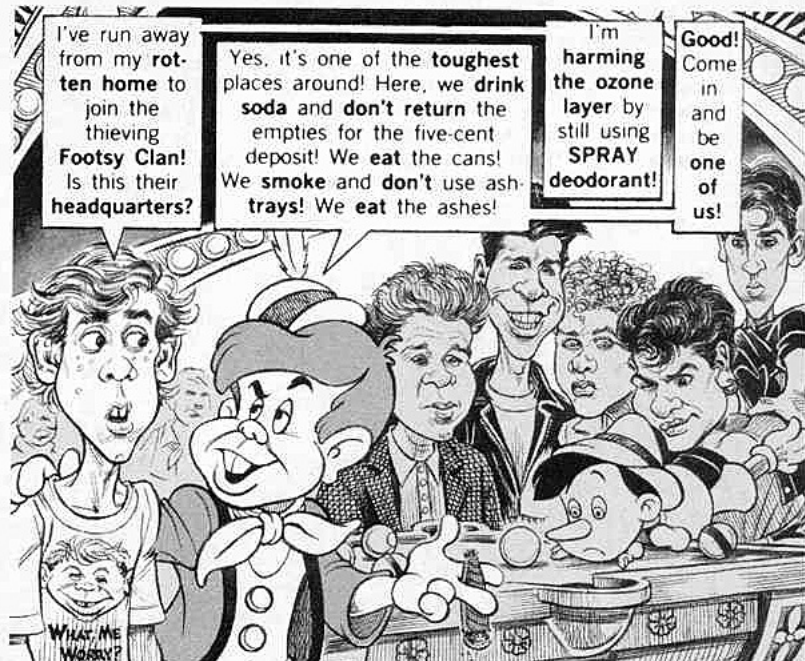
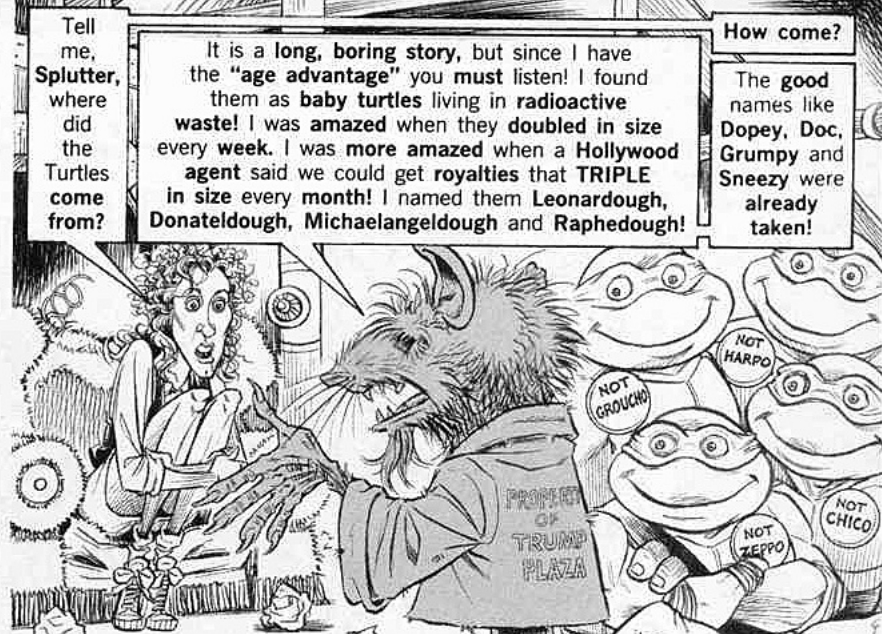
TEEN-RAGE MOOLAH NITWIT TURTLES!

Splutter, today I beat up a dirty, rotten sleazebag who has been preying on the innocent!

I know it's outrageous to charge \$2 for a pretzel, but you must stop beating up all the vendors! Remember, our domain is the shadow! The art of Nitwit is the art of invisibility! We must not be seen anywhere—except on licensed lunch boxes, sweat shirts, hats, bendable dolls, watches, and our Saturday cartoon show and Nintendo games!

NOT YODA



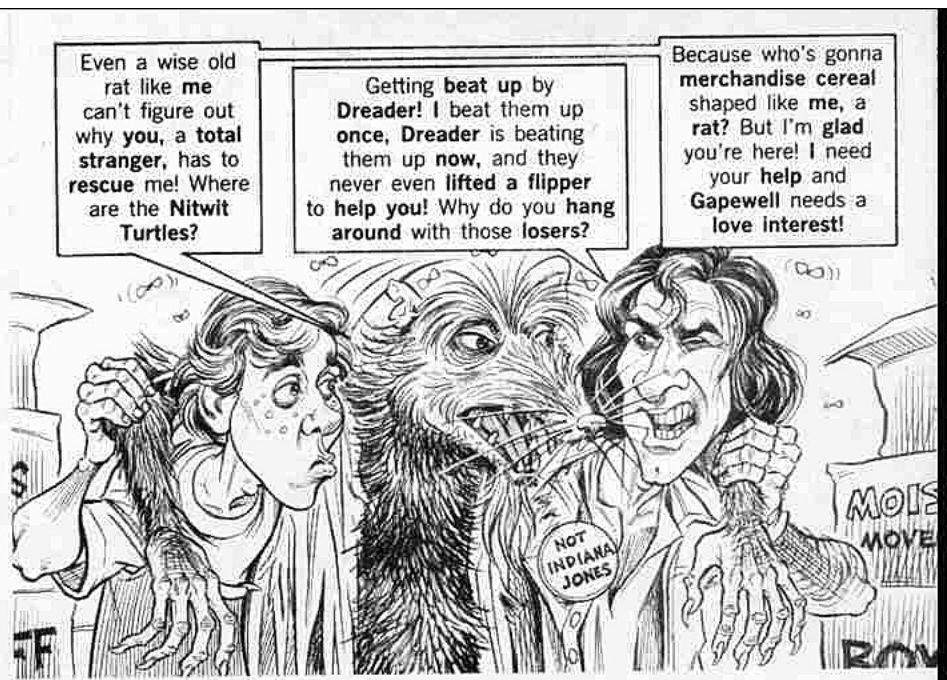




I'm Casket Bones and I've come to lead you back to the Nitwit Turtles! Follow me, kid, and bring the old rodent!

This place is protected by four hundred armed members of the dangerous Footsy Clan! How did you sneak by them?

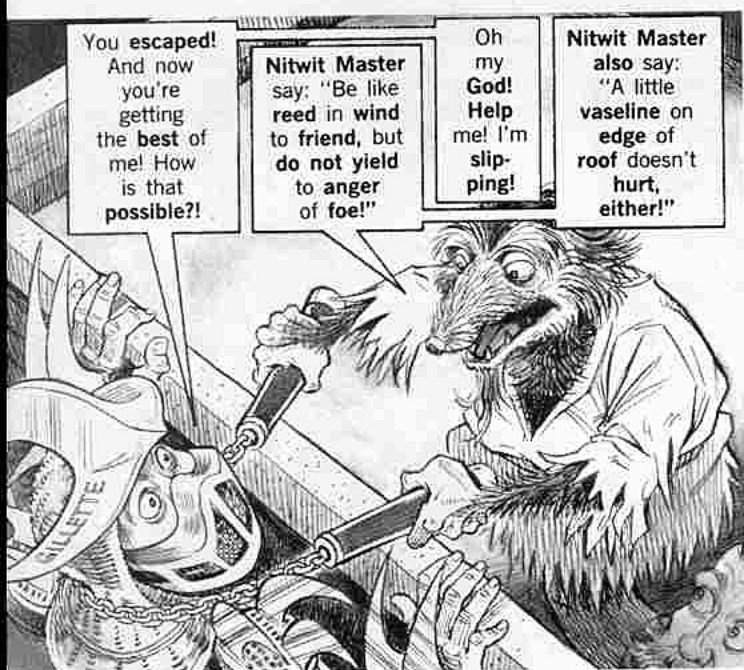
I was lucky. All four hundred were looking the other way!



Even a wise old rat like me can't figure out why you, a total stranger, has to rescue me! Where are the Nitwit Turtles?

Getting beat up by Dreader! I beat them up once, Dreader is beating them up now, and they never even lifted a flipper to help you! Why do you hang around with those losers?

Because who's gonna merchandise cereal shaped like me, a rat? But I'm glad you're here! I need your help and Gapewell needs a love interest!

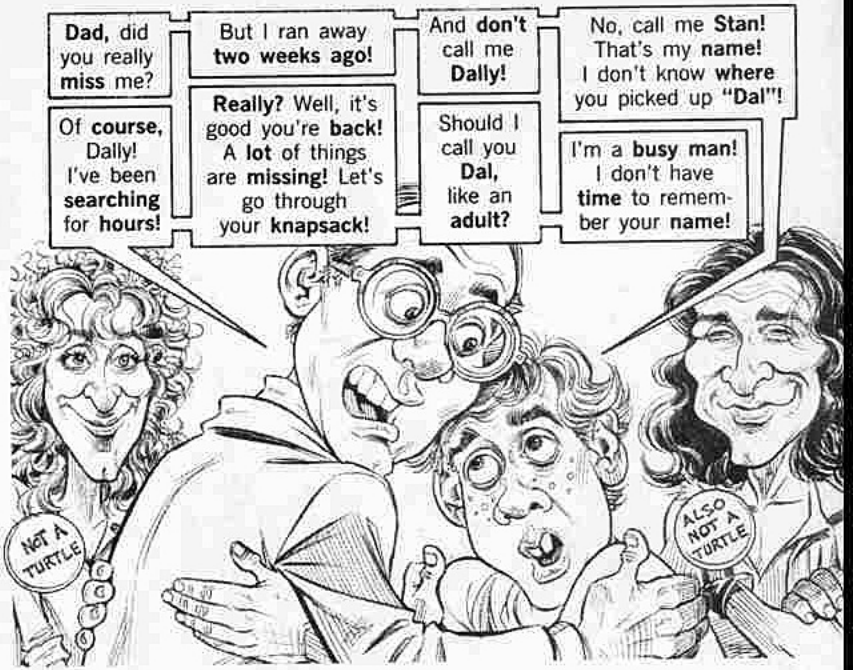


You escaped! And now you're getting the best of me! How is that possible?!

Nitwit Master say: "Be like reed in wind to friend, but do not yield to anger of foe!"

Oh my God! Help me! I'm slipping!

Nitwit Master also say: "A little vaseline on edge of roof doesn't hurt, either!"



Dad, did you really miss me?

But I ran away two weeks ago!

And don't call me Dally!

No, call me Stan! That's my name! I don't know where you picked up "Dal"!

Of course, Dally! I've been searching for hours!

Really? Well, it's good you're back! A lot of things are missing! Let's go through your knapsack!

Should I call you Dal, like an adult?

I'm a busy man! I don't have time to remember your name!



I am so proud of you Nitwit Turtles! You have brought peace and harmony to the streets of New York City!

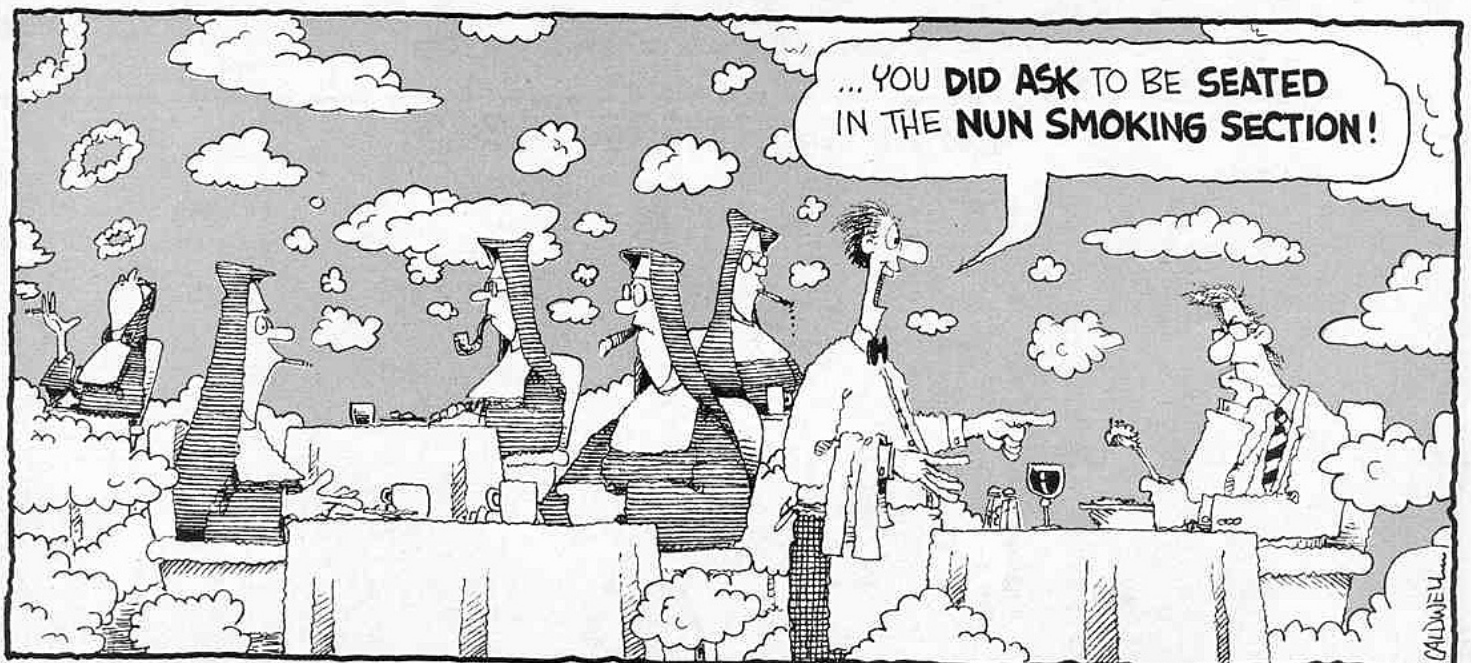
Yeah! Now how about bringing some peace and harmony to the sewers of New York City! I haven't slept a wink since you Teen-Rage Nitwit Turtles moved in with your noise and bad puns!

And how about bringing some cleanliness to the sewers, too! Everywhere I walk, I step on week-old pizza slices! Yuck!

And I don't want you guys bringing strange broads down here! This used to just be a highway for my old lady!

Old folks are a drag no matter where you live!

DRAMA ON PAGE 37



THE SCENE OF THE GRIND DEPT.

Lambada—that delicious Italian dish of pasta and cheese in a red sauce! No, wait! That's lasagna! Let's start over! Lambada—the Forbidden Dance of Love—in which two people move closer together than the cheese and red sauce in a nice dish of lasagna! Yeah! Well, here's the rub: You have probably been performing the Lambada for years, only you didn't know it! And it took the Lambada Boys at MAD—the Forbidden Magazine of Love—to bring it to your attention in this musical presentation...



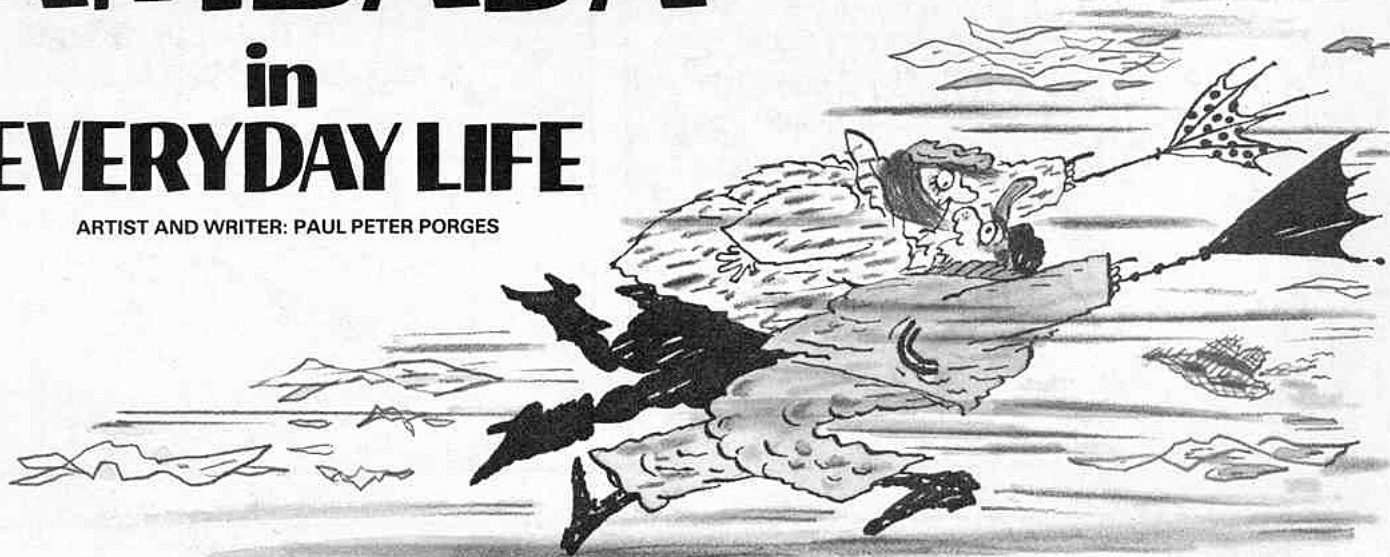
The LAMBADA in EVERYDAY LIFE

ARTIST AND WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES

TEN-ITEMS-OR-LESS LAMBADA



WINDY DAY LAMBADA



SEVENTH-INNING STRETCH LAMBADA



TIGHT PARKING SPOT LAMBADA



STRAP-HANGER LAMBADA



CELEBRITIES AND PAPARAZZI LAMBADA



LAUNDROMAT LAMBADA



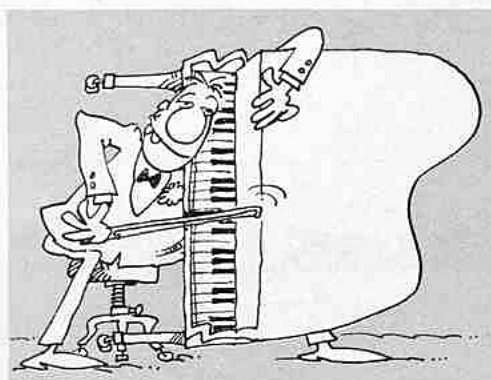
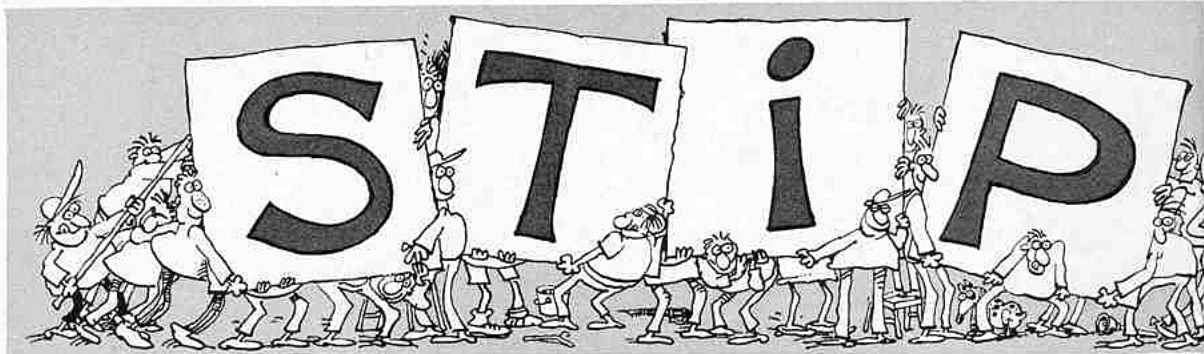
HOLIDAY SHOPPING LAMBADA



ALL-THE-FREE-SHRIMP-YOU-CAN-EAT SALAD BAR LAMBADA



**MAD's Handy
Clues, Hints
And Tipoffs
That You're
Really,
Unquestionably,
Without
A Doubt...**



When you're playing the piano you frequently lose your grip on the bow.



You go to bed and accidentally fluff up your head.

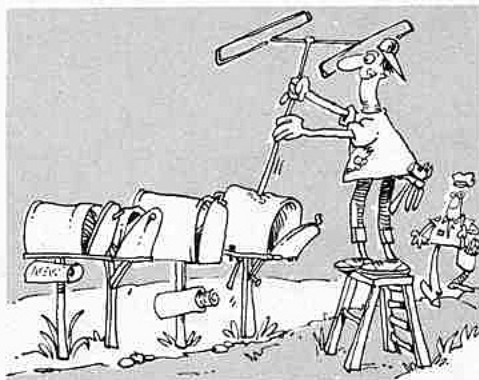


You're absolutely convinced that nostalgia is a thing of the past.

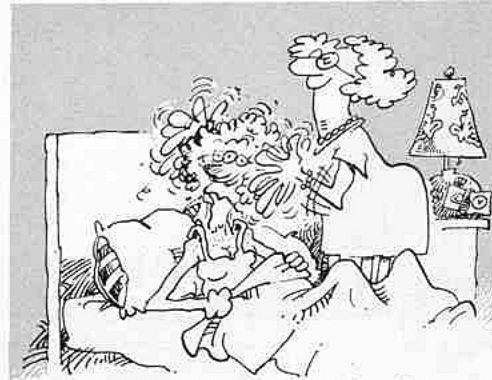
ARTIST: SERGIO ARAGONES



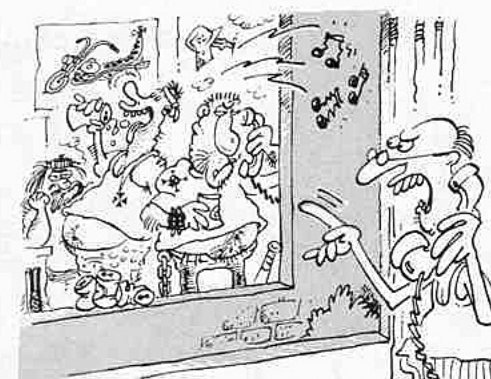
You've caught yourself waving "Goodbye" instead of "Hello" when answering the telephone.



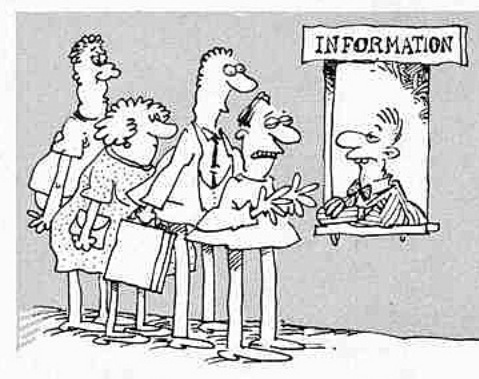
You put a higher antenna on your mailbox in an attempt to receive mail from people farther away.



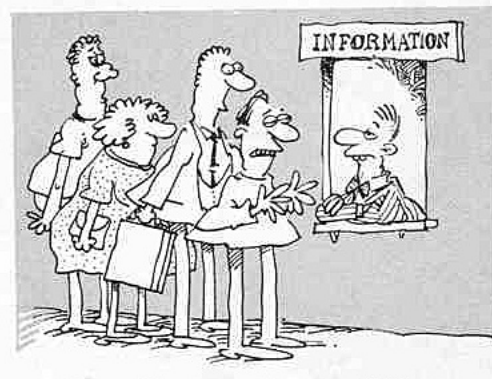
You go to bed and family members attempt to fluff up your head.



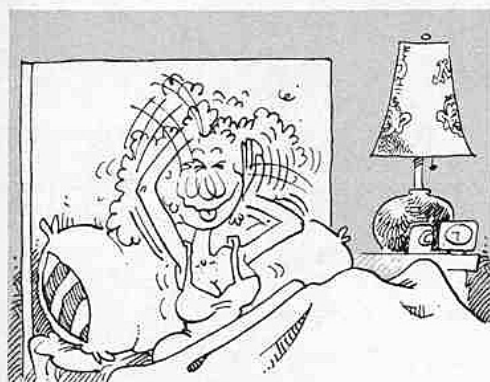
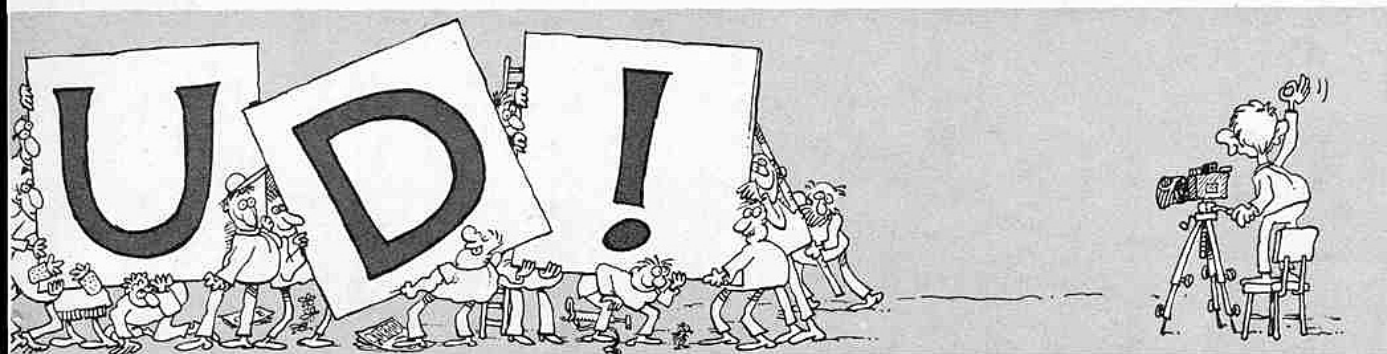
Your neighbor's radio blares at three A.M. and you angrily call him up to demand that he change the station at once.



People repeat everything they say to you because you look way too stupid to grasp things the first time around.



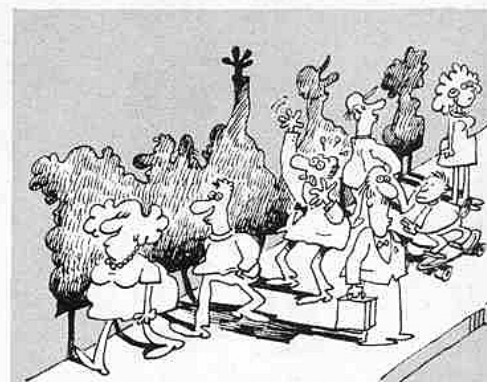
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You go to bed and purposely fluff up your head.

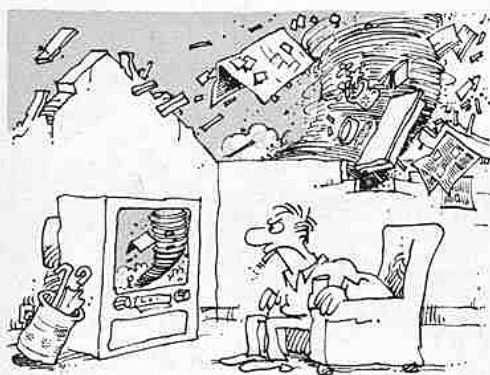


You purchase season tickets to the Super Bowl.



You have trouble picking your shadow out of a crowd.

WRITER: DAN BIRTCHER



You fret over the fact that they never mention what a hurricane's last name is.



You find yourself complaining to a waitress that the straw in your glass is upside down.



You find yourself wondering what branch of the military Captain Kangaroo was in.



Your biggest worry about marriage is getting that little ring over your loved one's head, down their arm and onto their second finger.



You find yourself trying to convince a policeman who's pulled you over for a burned-out headlight that he merely has one eye closed.



You worried about a sore that wouldn't heal, only to find out later that it was a natural body opening.

The Usual Gang
of MAD Artists
takes a look at...

ENDANGERED



Bands who make millions on a "Farewell Tour"—and actually retire

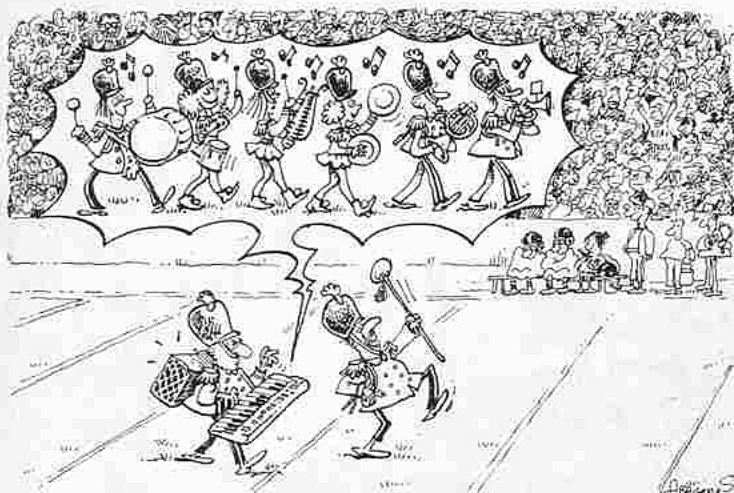


Personal cassette players that can only be heard by the wearer



Record stores that still sell records

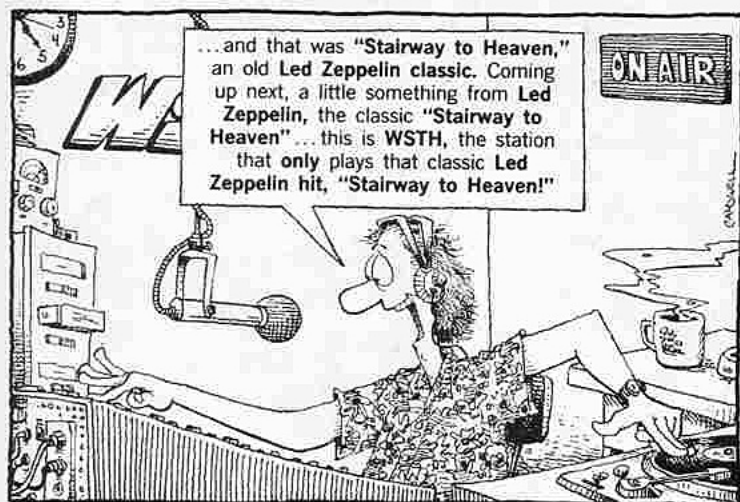
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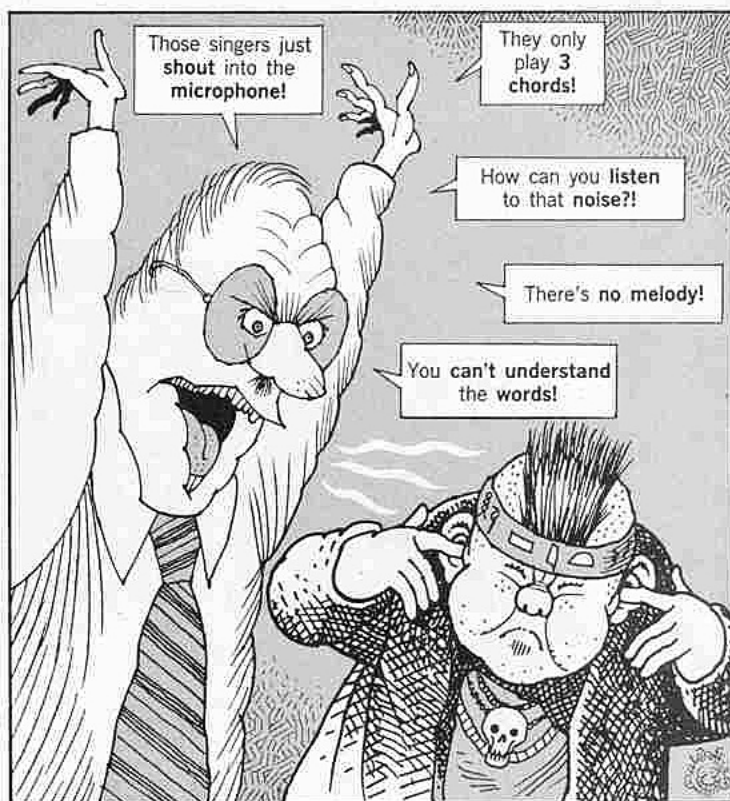
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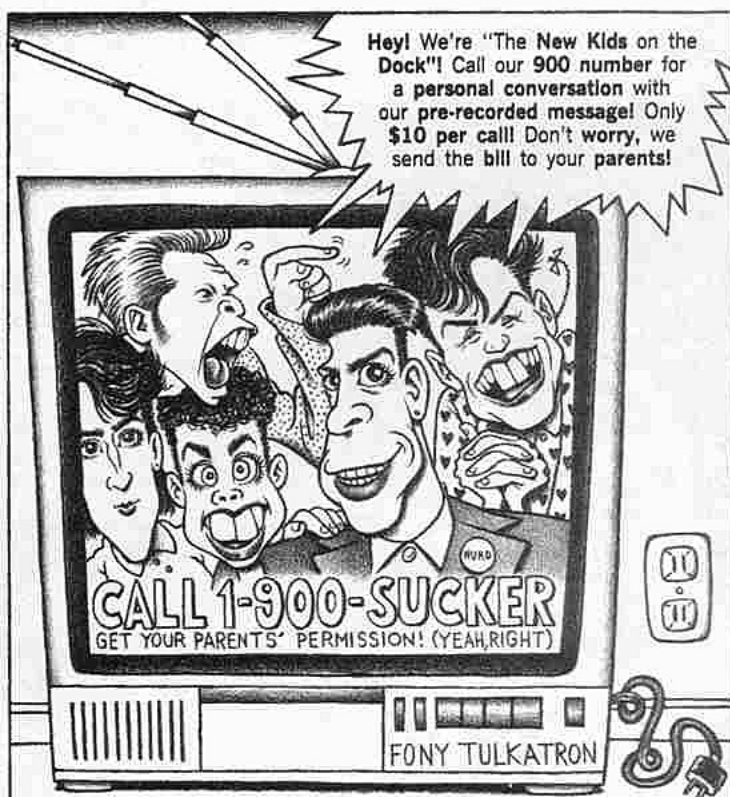
Rock fans who can applaud without aerobics



Classic rock radio stations that know when to give a song a rest



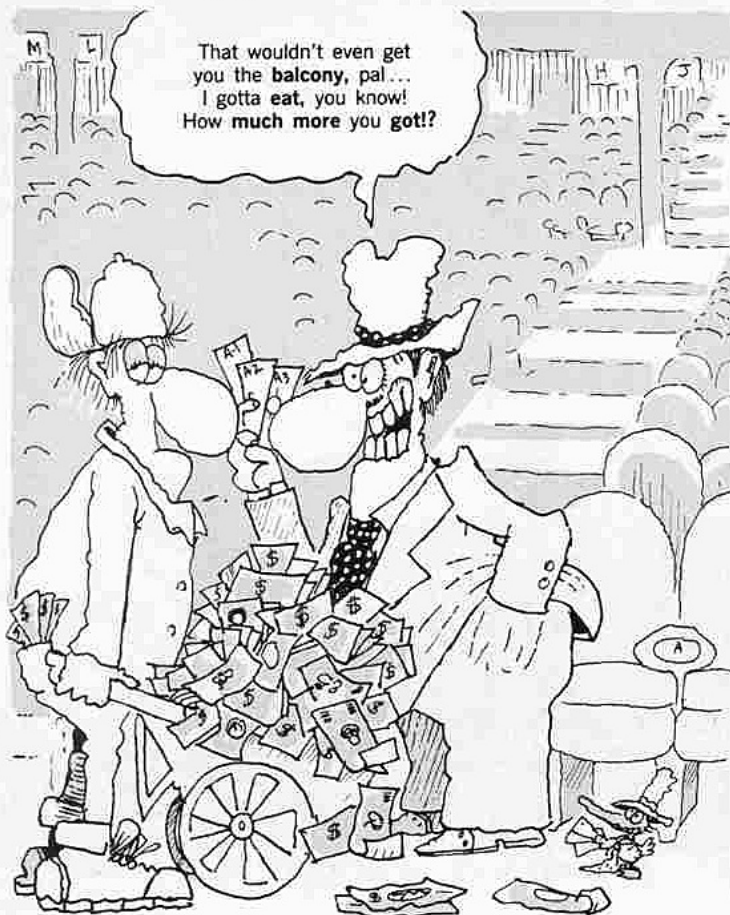
Parents with an original comment



Teen stars who don't work for the phone company

MUSIC WORLD

WRITER:
JOHN S. MARSHALL



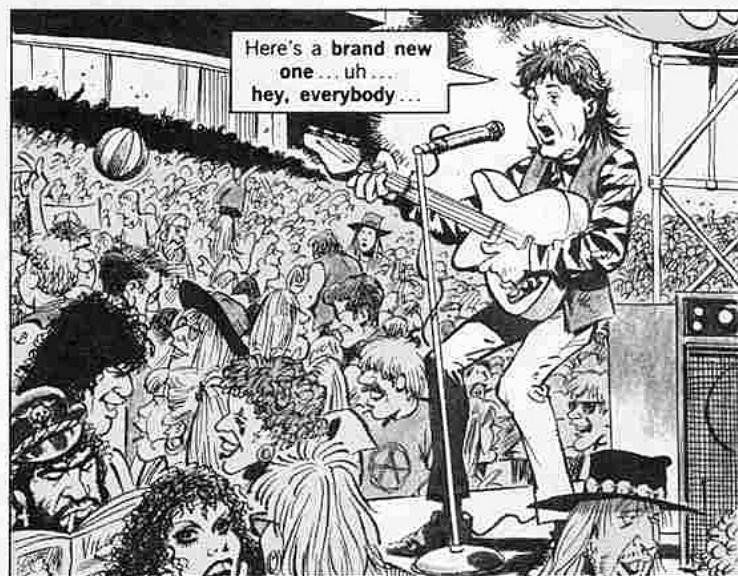
Concert seats that aren't owned by scalpers



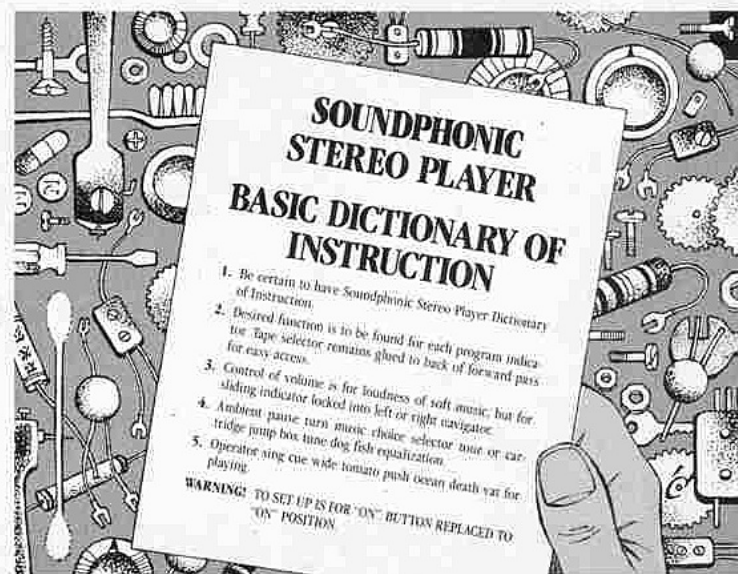
Radio stations that don't need to bribe you to listen to them



Official concert T-shirts that cost less than the tickets



Non-hits that hold a rock fan's attention



Imported stereo owner's manuals that are translated properly

FIENDS LIKE OLD TIMES DEPT.

Long before Batman made it to the big screen, the Caped Crusader enjoyed success in a ridiculously overdone and campy 60's TV show. Each week the Dynamic Duo would chase an "arch criminal" portrayed by a has-been, washed up actor who couldn't get work anywhere else! This got us thinking (which is a rare thing indeed!): If Batman returned to television now, there'd be a whole new group of has-beens to choose from! So here, along with sample plotlines and some random scenes, are a few of our selections for...

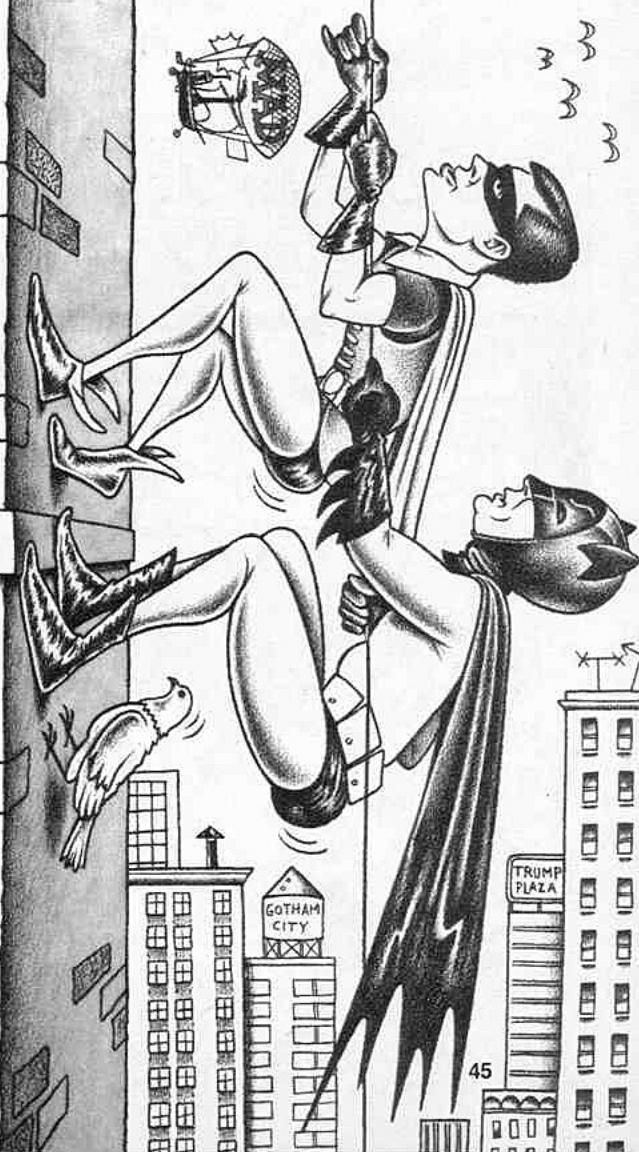
Villains Awaiting Batman's Return to TV

ARTIST: RICK TULKA

WRITERS: JOE RAIOLA
AND CHARLIE KADAU

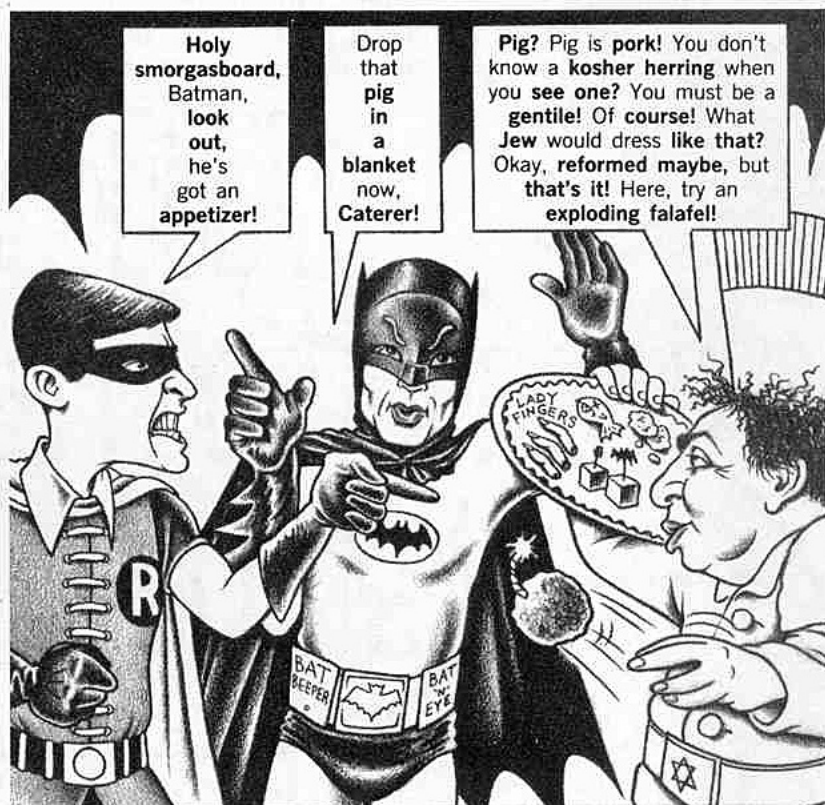


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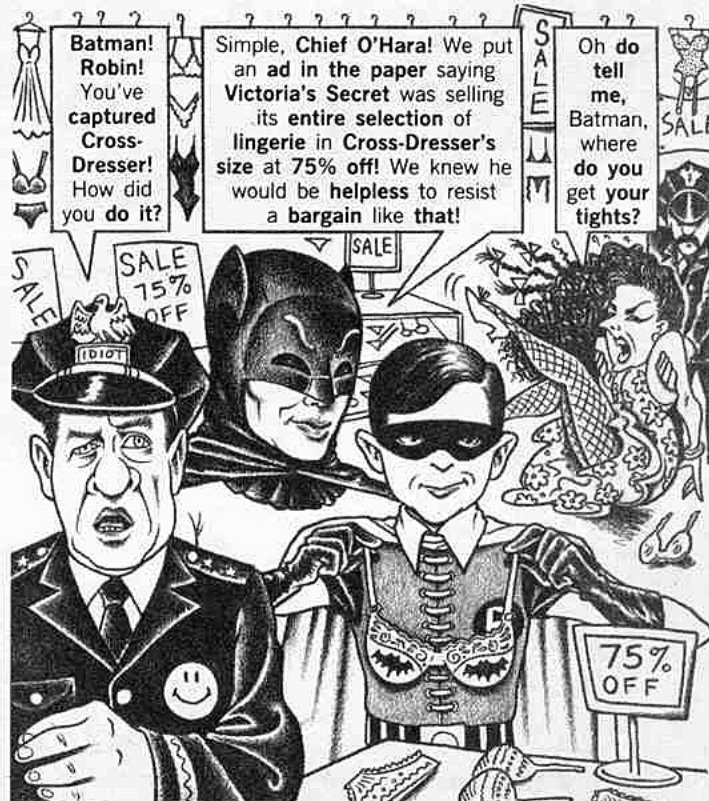
JACKIE MASON as THE CATERER

The criminally insane master chef supplies free gourmet food to the Gotham City Police so they do nothing but eat, gain weight and become too fat and lazy to stop his sinister crime spree!



BOY GEORGE as CROSS-DRESSER

Master criminal Cross-Dresser escapes from prison disguised as Commissioner Gordon's daughter. He blackmails Thomas Hovel, the curator of the Gotham City Museum, into giving him the priceless painting "Blue Boy" by threatening to release compromising photos of Hovel wearing a strapless evening gown with matching pumps!



BOB GUCCIONE as SLEAZEBAG

Sleazebag sponsors Tina Tramp as his own erotic entrant in the usually pure and moral Miss Gotham City Pageant! Tina is so much more aggressively sexy and seductive than the other contestants that she is sure to be named the winner by the aroused judges—leaving Sleazebag to steal the jeweled tiara given to the winner!



JOE PISCOPO as THE IRRITANT

Upon his release from jail, Batman's old nemesis, The Irritant, desperately seeks revenge against the Dynamic Duo. The obnoxious super-crook takes them by surprise in the Bateave and mercilessly tortures them with his grating personality and moronic behavior!



HEX-RATED DEPT.

THEY'RE EVIL! THEY'RE SICK! THEY'RE VILE! THEY'RE SOMEWHAT UNPLEASANT! THEY ARE EVERY READER'S WORST FEAR! THEY'RE...

MAD CURSES!!!

ARTIST: GREG THEAKSTON

WRITER: JOY CHONOLIS

May you accidentally use a Number One pencil when taking a test that only accepts Number Twos!

May you always get the same seven baseball cards whenever you buy a pack!

May your neighbor's car alarm go off in the dead of night while he's away on vacation!

May you drool all over your pillow while sleeping over at a friend's house!

May you always get the slowest Bumper Car!

May your phone number be one digit away from an all-night taxi service!

May your grandparents come to visit for two months and may they stay in your bedroom!

May your father smell up the bathroom during your first party!

May you pick all the right numbers for the million dollar lottery but forget to play!

May your car radio only play AM stations!

THEAKSTON

WHAT HAVE WE
GOTTEN OUT OF
GEORGE BUSH'S
"THOUSAND POINTS
OF LIGHT" SO FAR?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS **MAD FOLD-IN**

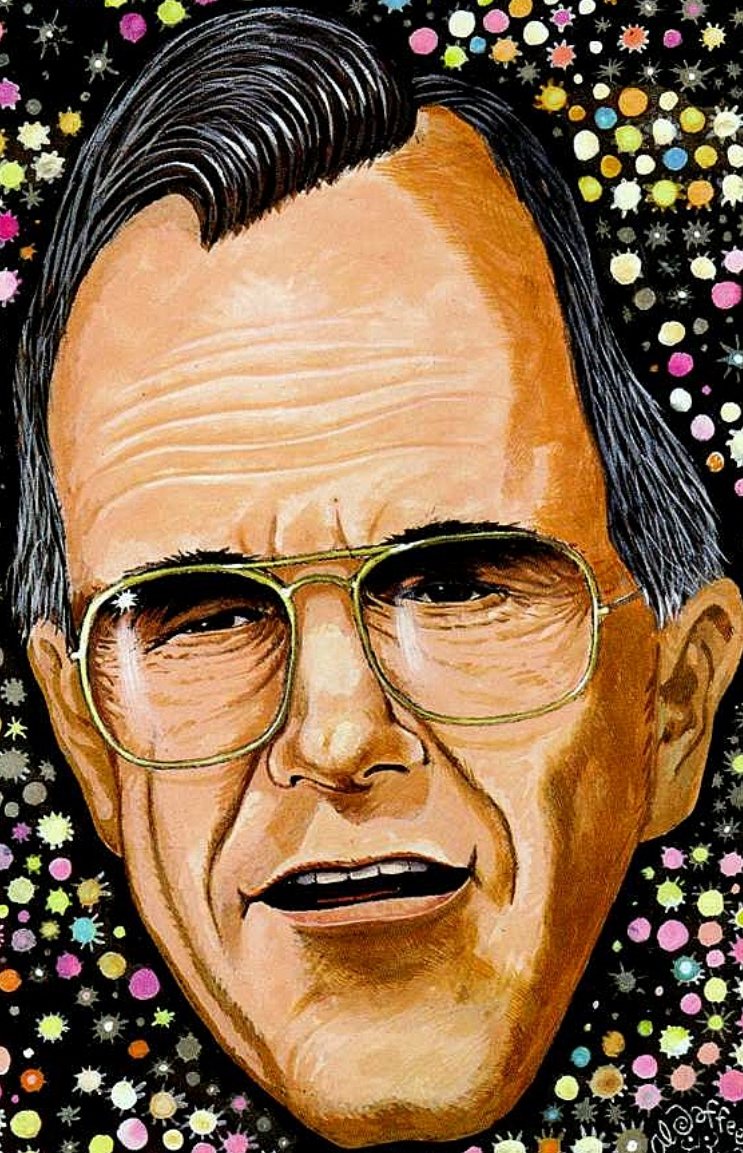
During elections we get some lofty phrases.
But what do they mean in real life? To find
out, simply fold in page as shown in diagram.

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A CANDIDATE'S PREDICTIONS MAY LEAVE SOME PEOPLE
LOOKING PUZZLED. "A THOUSAND POINTS OF LIGHT" WAS SORT OF
BUSH'S WAY OF PROMISING A SPARKLY FUTURE FOR US ALL

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CAN LEAD TO ABSOLUT LIVER DAMAGE • ABSOLUT HANGOVERS • ABSOLUT STOMACH ULCERS • ABSOLUT SLURRED SPEECH • ABSOLUT STAGGERING • ABSOLUT PASSING OUT • ABSOLUT SLEEPING IN PUBLIC TOILETS • ABSOLUT DRIVING ACCIDENTS • ABSOLUT JOB LOSS • ABSOLUT MARRIAGE BREAK UP • ABSOLUT MENTAL PROBLEMS • ABSOLUT BLOODSHOT EYES • ABSOLUT ORGAN DEGENERATION • ABSOLUT BARFING • ABSOLUT BOORISHNESS • ABSOLUT DOUBLE VISION • ABSOLUT PLASTERED LOOK • ABSOLUT FALLING OFF BAR STOOLS • ABSOLUT SKID ROW • ABSOLUT PUKING • ABSOLUT DISORIENTATION • ABSOLUT SWAYING • ABSOLUT SOILED UNDERGARMENTS • ABSOLUT LOSS OF FRIENDS • ABSOLUT PUBLIC EMBARRASSMENT • ABSOLUT HEAVING • ABSOLUT WIFE BEAT • ABSOLUT CHILD ABUSE • ABSOLUT PARENT ABUSE • ABSOLUT SELF ABUSE • ABSOLUT PROJECTILE VOMITING • ABSOLUT KEYHOLE LOCATION PROBLEMS • ABSOLUT INCONTINENCE • ABSOLUT SLOSHED LOOK • ABSOLUT ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR • ABSOLUT IMPOTENCE • ABSOLUT SUICIDE • ABSOLUT UPCHUCKING • ABSOLUT HAIRY TONGUE SENSATION • ABSOLUT CHIN DRIBBLES • ABSOLUT BLADDER CONTROL LOSS • ABSOLUT REPETITIVENESS • ABSOLUT REPETITIVENESS • ABSOLUT REPETITIVENESS • ABSOLUT VARICOSE NOSE • ABSOLUT FORGETTING TO EAT • ABSOLUT SHAKES • ABSOLUT DROOLING • ABSOLUT FALLING DOWN STAIRS • ABSOLUT WAKING UP IN STRANGE CITIES • ABSOLUT OFFENSIVE ODORS • ABSOLUT OBSCENE GESTURES • ABSOLUT RUDE NOISES • ABSOLUT UNBELIEVABLY STUPID EXCUSES FOR EVERYTHING • ABSOLUT PSYCHOSIS • ABSOLUT BETTY FORD CLINIC VISITS • ABSOLUT DWI CONVICTIONS • ABSOLUT AA MEETINGS • ABSOLUT DELIRIUM TREMENS • ABSOLUT HUGE BAR TABS • ABSOLUT LYING • ABSOLUT SELF DESTRUCTIVENESS • ABSOLUT UNCONTROLLABLE TREMBLING • ABSOLUT OPEN FLY • ABSOLUT MALNUTRITION • ABSOLUT JAUNDICE • ABSOLUT FORGETFULNESS • ABSOLUT CIGARETTE BURNS ON FINGERS • ABSOLUT CIGARETTE BURNS ON CLOTHING • ABSOLUT CIGARETTE BURNS ON MATTRESS • ABSOLUT COLD SLAB IN MORGUE • ABSOLUT SLOVENLINESS • ABSOLUT POINTLESS BABBLING • ABSOLUT UNEMPLOYMENT • ABSOLUT SOUSED LOOK • ABSOLUT PINK ELEPHANT VISIONS • ABSOLUT ELBOW IN FOOD PLATE • ABSOLUT DIVORCE • ABSOLUT DRUNK TANK OCCUPANCY • ABSOLUT POLLUTED LOOK • ABSOLUT REVOLTING FACIAL EXPRESSIONS • ABSOLUT DISGUSTING PERSONAL HABITS • ABSOLUT SOCIAL OSTRACISM • ABSOLUT SANTIAGO CLINIC INCARCERATION • ABSOLUT LIVER TRANSPLANT • ABSOLUT MADNESS • ABSOLUT ULCERS • ABSOLUT FAMILY BREAKUPS • ABSOLUT TEARFUL STORIES • ABSOLUT MULTICOLORED SNAKE SIGHTINGS • ABSOLUT MIND ROT • ABSOLUT HIGH AS A KITE LOOK • ABSOLUT BOWEL BLUNDERS • ABSOLUT TRIPPING UP STAIRS • ABSOLUT BULGING EYEBALLS • ABSOLUT OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE • ABSOLUT PITIFUL ADDICTION • ABSOLUT CONVERSATIONAL GIBBERISH • ABSOLUT INAPPROPRIATE FLATULENCE • ABSOLUT CAREER RUINATION • ABSOLUT BLOTTO • ABSOLUT DIPSO MANIA • ABSOLUT PUBLIC INTOXICATION • ABSOLUT BOTTLE NOSE • ABSOLUT LURCHING DOWN THE STREET • ABSOLUT FACE FALLING INTO SOUP PLATE • ABSOLUT POLLUTED LOOK • ABSOLUT COOKEYES • ABSOLUT PIE-EYED LOOK • ABSOLUT REELING • ABSOLUT STINKO LOOK • ABSOLUT STUPID AD CAMPAIGN

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